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Improvement in Screw Cutting Machinery.

Fig. 1 shows a new screw machine with the Parkhurst patent wire feed attachment. The device does not get out of repair, and is a great assistance in facilitating work. It feeds and holds the wire in position without stopping the machine or delaying the work, as the operation of setting forward the wire and firmly clamping it is performed by a single movement of a lever. The turret is of steel, is self-rotating and self-fastening, and the tools are held securely by convenient clamps. The cone has 3 grades, carrying a 1 1/2 inch belt. The counter-shaft is fitted with Pratt's patent friction clutch pulleys. Case hardened wrenches and an oil tank go with the machine. The collets for this machine will receive wire from No. 0 to No. 10, inclusive, of Brown & Sharpe's wire gauge. We believe this machine is unsurpassed for efficiency and perfection of work and ease of manipulation. The revolving head may be made to receive six distinct tools, including gauging-stop for wire feed, so that every operation in the construction of a screw from the wire or rod, is performed successively, without any removal of the work, stopping, or change of the tools. A cross-rest with tool posts is attached to the wire feed machines, except when otherwise ordered. The Parkhurst patent wire feed is operated while the machine is running by a simple movement of a lever, and has any range of length that may be desired. It results in a great saving of time where screws are to be made from the wire or rod.

The second figure represents some of the screws made on this machine, varying in length, including the heads, from 1 1/2 inches to 5-16 of an inch, and in diameter of shank from 5-16 to 1-16 of an inch. They are of steel, iron or brass, and were produced by the usual box tools which will be furnished with each machine, as ordered. These tools are made by the Pratt & Whitney Company, of Hartford, Conn.

The Government Tests of Iron and Steel.

United States Board appointed to test Iron, Steel, etc.—Committee F.—R. H. Thurston, L. A. Boardman, U. S. N.; Q. A. Gilmore, U. S. A.

STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Department of Engineering, HOBOKEN, N. J., June 25, 1875.
The board appointed by the President of the United States, under the provisions of an Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1875, "to test iron, steel and other metals," has instructed this committee to continue an investigation of those modifications of the various properties of the metals which are produced by changes of temperature.

The committee are desirous of supplementing these experimental researches with such results of other experimental work and of observation as may be obtainable from authentic sources; they, therefore, solicit such contributions from investigators and observers as may be deemed valuable as assisting in the task assigned them.

The behavior of rails and of machinery exposed to the extremes of temperature observed in northern latitudes, where exposed to wear or to breakage, will be likely to afford valuable data. The character of the fracture and the texture of the abraded surfaces, as well as the statistics ordinarily collected, should be noted. Specimens exhibiting peculiarities of behavior or appearance, and photographs of masses which it may not be convenient to forward, will be of value. Where exact quantitative analyses of metals exhibiting unusual characteristics can be given, they will add effectively in the determination of the causes of such peculiarities.

The statistics of well managed railroads are expected to afford useful and reliable information. Rolling mills producing rails and other forms of rolled iron which are tested by the drop may be able to furnish more accurate statements of the effect of changes of temperature in modifying resistance to shocks.

Some experimental work has already been done in this field, and it is desired that the results of such researches may be communicated in as great detail and with as much accuracy as possible. Published monographs, reference to papers published in scientific, engineering or other periodicals, and unpublished papers, will be received as valuable contributions.

All assistance rendered the committee in the endeavor to ascertain the character of the change of the force of cohesion produced in the metals and their alloys by variation of temperature, to determine the mathematical expression of that law, and to obtain such formulas, either exact or approximate, as will make these results conveniently and practically available to engineers and constructors, will be properly acknowledged.

R. H. THURSTON, Chairman.

Working Heavy Grades in Switzerland.

A railroad has recently been opened to the summit of Mount Uetliberg, Switzerland, which overlooks, at a height of about 1300 feet, Lake Zurich, and is much visited by tourists for the sake of the view. The road was designed in 1872, and it was finally decided to depend upon adhesion simply, limiting the grades to 7 per cent., or 370 feet per mile. The locomotives were built by Krauss & Munich, who agreed to supply them, weighing 27 1/2 tons (55,000 lbs.), which could haul up this grade four cars, carrying 40 passengers each, gross load being 38,500 lbs. The total length of the road is about 30,000 feet, or more than 5 1/2 miles. The lowest grade is 332 feet per mile, but 59 per cent. of the whole length is of grades exceeding 204 feet per mile. The curves are of 500 and 450 feet radius, the latter coinciding with a grade of 327 feet per mile. The track is of the standard gauge, and the rails, of iron, weigh 60 lbs. per yard.

There are three tank locomotives of the Krauss pattern, with six drivers coupled, each 36 in. in diameter, and with a wheel base of only 6 ft. 8 in. They weigh 41,300 lbs. empty, and in service from 52,800 to 55,000 lbs. The heating surface is about 770 square feet, the diameter of piston 12 1/2 in., the stroke 21 1/2 in.

The passenger cars, of which there are six, have platforms and a central passage, as in American cars (which is the common construction in Switzerland), capable of accommodating 40 passengers. They have a box for baggage below the frame, between the wheels; their weight empty is 12,650 lbs. There are also three freight cars.

The road when complete will have cost about \$300,000, gold. The first ascent was made April 24 of this year. The engine pushed up three cars loaded with ballast and workmen, a total gross load of 37 1/2 to 30 tons. This load was moved without difficulty at a speed varying from 8 to 10 1/2 miles per hour, maintaining a steam pressure of 170 lbs.

The descent is made with compressed air, by means of an apparatus used on the engines of the Rigi Railroad. The speed was 15 1/2 to 18 1/2 miles per hour.

At trials made by the professors of the Zurich Polytechnic School the weight hauled was about 627 1/2 tons, the traction exerted about 7500 lbs., and the work about 200 net horsepower. A peculiar feature in the working of this road is the use of a jet of water against the rails, in front of the wheels of the locomotive, sufficient to wash the rails completely. It was observed long ago that the influence on adhesion of a slight humidity such as that deposited by a fog, and that of a veritable layer of water deposited by rain, are entirely different. On the Swiss Central Railroad a jet of water is used on the front wheels of certain engines to facilitate the passage around curves, and the effect on the durability of the tires has been remarkable; but this jet of water, which was only intended to lubricate the inside part of the rail-head, moistens the whole surface in contact with the tire. No modification of the adhesion has been observed as the result of this; this jet of water does not dispense with the use of sand, while at Uetliberg absolutely no use is made of sand, but water is employed exclusively.

These facts were recently communicated to the French Society of Civil Engineers by M. Mallet, and we find them reported in *La Revue Industrielle*.

M. Mallet also described briefly another Swiss mountain railroad, the Rigi-Kulm Line and the lake of Zug, about seven miles long, six miles of it being worked with a peculiar cog-wheel arrangement, or something similar in effect, by which grades of 1056 feet per mile

are surmounted, there being one section more than a mile and a half long with a grade very little less. The radius of the curves, which is uniform, is 600 feet.

Special attention was called to the locomotives by M. Mallet; ordinary boilers with horizontal tubes are used, but special arrangements are made to enable them to pass from a level to an inclination of one in five. In the first place the tubes are quite short, 7 feet 9 in., though longer than the tubes used in vertical boilers which are only 6 feet 2 in. Then the boiler is so placed as to have an inclination forward of one in ten when the wheels are on a level track, so that on an up grade of one in five it has only the same inclination backward.

In order to keep within the limits of weight of 35,200 lbs., the greatest care had to be taken in the construction of the engines. Steel was employed on the most extended axle; the boiler, with the exception of the fire box, the tubes, the frames, the axles, the wheels, the

with crude borax from 3 to 5 feet thick. The crude material will average from 20 to 40 per cent. Ten thousand men would not take out the deposit in 50 years, and it is constantly increasing.

The Brown Iron Company's Works.

The Chicago Journal says: An arrangement has been made by the Joseph H. Brown Iron Company to enlarge the capacity of their works. Last March a contract was let for the erection of a mill which would produce 50 tons of iron a day. By mutual consent this contract has this now changed so as to make arrangements for a producing capacity of from 150 to 200 tons per day. The plans of the immense structure are now complete, and already the contracts for the machinery are being filled. To say that this will be the peer of any similar manufacturing establishment in the country is to say the truth. A detailed list of the machinery to be set up in their first mill proves that the company makes the assertion on good grounds. The list embraces the following pieces:

One 22 inch beam mill, with five stands of rolls for making heavy beams and machinery iron. This will be driven by an engine 40 x 48 inches, with a 35 ton fly-wheel, probably as heavy a one as is in use in this country.

One 28 inch muck train, with three run of rolls and a 35-ton rotary squeezer, to be driven by a 28 x 60 inch engine and a 35 ton fly-wheel. This will have capacity for muck iron second to none in the country.

A 14 inch merchants' mill, including five stands of rolls, to be driven by a 26 x 30 inch engine and a 15 ton fly-wheel. It will have all necessary fittings for producing miscellaneous iron.

A 9 inch mill, with five stands of rolls, for making hoop and guide iron, to be driven by a 24 x 36 inch engine and a 15 ton fly.

In connection with the above there is to be built all the necessary saws, straightening machines, muck shears, bar shears, crushers, pulverizers, etc., each tool being driven by a small engine.

One of the above trains will have a producing capacity of 90 tons each 24 hours. The cost of these immense works will exceed \$2,000,000, and will be paid for as the machinery is put in place. It is expected that it will be completed by the 1st of September, and the company will be ready to receive supplies by November 1. Messrs. Robinson, Rea & Co., of Pittsburgh, furnish the machinery, excepting the Siemens furnaces and boilers, which will be constructed by the company itself. The plans contemplate the erection in the near future of blast furnaces and other mills of such a character as to give the establishment the highest rank among iron manufacturing in the United States.

The company is composed of Samuel, George W. and Charles B. Hale, of Chicago; Richard Brown and William Bonnell, of Youngstown; James T. Torrance, of Chicago, and Joseph H. Brown, of Youngstown, O., the latter gentleman being president of the company. They have the capital, and are reliable, and have located in a place adapted to their business.

Owners of property at South Chicago, where the works are situated, have donated ninety acres of land on the Calumet River. They have also constructed a slip 750 feet long and 14 feet deep, which is sufficient to let the largest vessels come close to the works. A railroad line has been constructed from the place so as to connect with all the lines leading out of Chicago. There is at hand every facility for obtaining cheap stone. With all these advantages the gentlemen see no reason why they cannot compete successfully with any other corporation, and, by the cheapness of their productions, be the center for supplying the Northwest.

A Dead Blast Furnace.

A correspondent of the Greenup (Ky.) Independent communicates the following in an interesting and chatty letter, under date of June 18th:

The valley of the East Fork, Lawrence county, Ky., with its large and well attended farms, its houses neatly whitewashed, its inhabitants thrifty and intelligent, and bridges constructed across its banks, is quite attractive, and more so was it at this time. A funeral sermon was to be preached at the graves of three citizens, lately deceased, the masons were to march around the graves, and everybody was going—so was I told. But I could not stop to attend the funeral rites at these graves. I left the crowd, following the course of East Fork, bound for a grave of a different nature, for the grave of Sandy Furnace. Nobody at Catlettsburg seemed to know anything about it—in fact its existence was positively denied by men who in their youth must have seen pig iron made at that furnace stacked upon the banks of the Ohio River, at the mouth of the Sandy. But some obliging merchant, better posted than others, at last headed me for Judge Roscoe's place on Bolts Fork, 22 miles distant from Catlettsburg.

Big Sandy furnace is situated within sight of the Judge's house, 7 miles southeast from Geigersville, and 8 miles from the mouth of Bear Creek, the former shipping point on Big Sandy, whence the iron used to be floated to the mouth of that stream, there to be stacked or reloaded. Wurts, Jones & Co. were the last owners of this furnace property, originally consisting of 1500 acres of land in fee simple and 3000 donations. This firm suspended operations in 1855 and the lands were then sold at Sheriff's sale to Tom Means, Esq., who afterward traded it off to Judge Ross, the present owner. William Wurts was the enterprising man, who first came here in 1849 and afterward erected the furnace stack, which bears the following inscription:

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The stack still stands; so does the drop shed, the coal house and several of the dwellings, among which the manager's and the store house. But most of the buildings have gone to wreck. Their destiny is sealed. The short life of this place, full probably of strife, of toil, of hard work, of family happiness and misfortune, full of bright hopes and sad disappointments, may be added to the list of deserted villages, of which even this our new country can tell.

The yield of this furnace never exceeded 7 tons per day; and its lack of success is due to a peculiar irregularity of the geological formation. For while at Geigersville, 7 miles south-east, and at other points northwest from here, the Coalton coal vein is found in the upper parts of the hills, this vein appears here to be probably 70 feet under the surface, thus creating a basin, which has swallowed up the kidney and lower ores, leaving this locality nothing but a few ore veins of a rather doubtful quality. A top hill ore seems to have been the richest and most sought after, containing some 43 per cent. of metallic iron; this, however, was but little found. The limestone ore, on which large vein the furnace mainly depended, is not very rich in iron, but contains not less than 21-3 per cent. of lime, and could, therefore, be used only as a mixture with ores not containing any lime. This explains why even at the best it required 4 tons of ore to the ton of pig. The Rough and Ready ore, the highest workable vein of Lawrence, Carter and Greenup counties, whose location is some 200 feet above the red kidney ore, is also found at this place, running from 8 inches to 2 feet in thickness; but mostly mixed with calcareous rock, which renders its usefulness rather problematic. The iron made at this furnace had a good reputation for fine foundry purposes.

The Amboy Democrat says of the draw recently erected over the Raritan River at that place: This draw is, beyond doubt, a triumph of civil engineering. It is the longest in the world, measuring in its entire length 472 feet. It is known as a Pratt truss bridge, the trusses being 40 feet high in the center and 30 feet at the ends. Its width is 30 feet. The weight of iron is a little over 600 tons. The drum upon which the draw rests and rotates is 30 feet in diameter, the whole running upon a steel track. The whole structure, with very few exceptions, is composed of wrought iron of the very best quality. The center works upon 16 cone pivots, so arranged as to work with the least possible amount of friction. It is moved by rotating gear operated by a 30 horse-power engine attached to the drum, the whole being controlled with ease by the apparatus provided. Four hydraulic lifts are used to raise the whole structure from two to three inches before operating, by which a sure and perfect connection with the track at either end is assured, and the possibility of swaying with the wind avoided. The weight may be thrown entirely upon the center pivot or upon the drums, as necessity may require, or it may be equally distributed on both. Another device worth noting is that by the adjusting of 20 screw bolts around the pivot cap the whole draw may be raised or lowered as may be necessary to make the adjustment of the tracks perfect. The total cost of the draw is about \$120,000; of the six iron spans, \$60,000, making in all \$180,000 for the iron work and machinery.

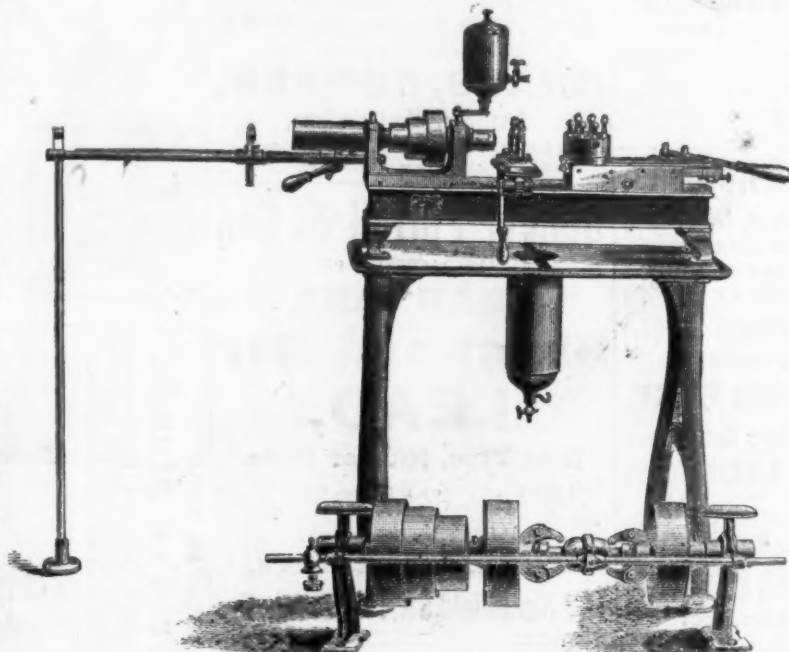


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

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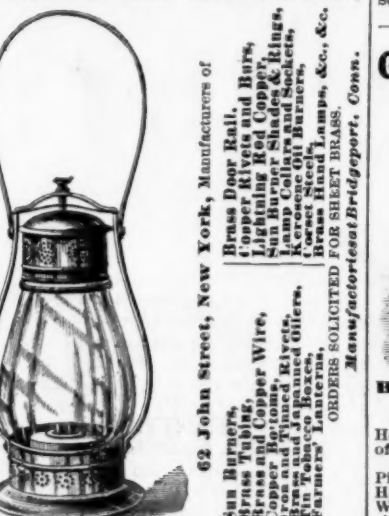
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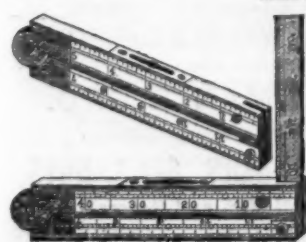
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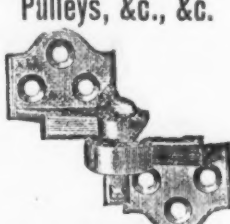
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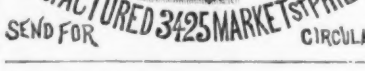
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As to the unsoundness of castings produced by blow-holes or scum, this is usually patent to the eye of the founder, at least, though not always to that of the customer, after being put up, and can be tested by the blows of a small hammer upon any surface whose soundness may be suspected.

The tendency to form blow-holes is well understood among founders and may be caused in two ways: either by the imprisonment of the air originally contained in the mold, or by the generation of steam or gases from the sides of the mold and core. It is surprising how little power of reasoning from cause to effect there is as a rule among practical men, to whom both the cause and the effect may be perfectly plain and patent. Given a case where a casting is produced covered in places with blow-holes, the causes of the effects may be accurately defined. In the first place these blow holes are produced by the presence of a gaseous body displacing the metal. There are then two possibilities—either this gas is the legitimate air which has not been allowed to escape, or it is a further accumulation of steam or gas generated from the mold; neither of these possibilities should have existed. In the first place, any possible air pocket in the mold should be thoroughly ventilated by an escape air hole, and whilst the metal is being poured at one runner, the air should be allowed to escape elsewhere. In the second place, the mold and cores should be so thoroughly dry as to prevent the formation of steam; and further, their composition should be so carefully selected as to preclude the employment of materials liable to burn or to generate much gas. The ventilation from the cores should be specially looked to, as they are generally found to become damp after running the metal, even when thoroughly dried. In the case of large castings a great deal depends on the open and porous nature of the mold bed. If, then, the following points are always rigidly looked to, there should be little fear at any time of a porous or air-blown casting. 1. That whilst the metal is being poured at any runner, there should be free egress for the imprisoned air through another exit. 2. That all pockets or high portions of the mold should have separate additional air escape. 3. That the mold and core be thoroughly dry to prevent the evolution of steam as much as possible. 4. That the materials forming the mold and cores should be already burnt, so as not to give off gases with readiness on contact with the molten metal. 5. That where the casting is long and has a double surface, one above the other, an infinitely better casting may more readily be obtained by casting the same with its length considerably inclined from the horizontal, and pour on to the lower face first, or placed vertically and run with a head. A very frequent cause of the generation of an excessive quantity of gas in a mold is the mixture of too much coal dust and slack in the mold, and using the sand too wet for facility in molding.

The formation, however, of blow holes in castings is but one of the minor evils to which castings are heirs, and this principally because the results are so evident and plain to be seen. One of the most dangerous periods in the life of a casting is the cooling, when the contraction of the various parts in the mold is setting in. And we fear that the general principles, and laws of this shrinking are but little understood or appreciated even by founders themselves. It is, of course, an evident fact that many forms of castings will obstinately persist in parting during the shrinkage, but the simplicity of the laws causing this breakage is, we believe, but little realized.

The whole danger lies in the shrinking not taking place simultaneously. Given a casting of any complexity of form, there cannot be the slightest danger of breakage from shrinkage if the cooling throughout takes place simultaneously, and if the cores will give to the contraction. This latter necessary quality of the cores should be carefully seen to, as evidently, if the cores will not give, the casting must burst under the contracting strain. There is, however, great danger to the casting, when the cooling is not simultaneous, of many portions being placed under great tension, even to such an extent as to cause them to part. Now this simultaneous rate of cooling is very seldom to be obtained naturally in any casting. In a very great proportion of castings the sections of metal are by no means equal throughout, and even if they

are, the inner portions of the casting are not able to radiate their heat away with the same facility as the outer ones. The rate of cooling is primarily dependent on the proportion of the outside cooling surface to the mass of the interior metal in any portion. The regularity of this proportion is one of the most essential points that should have the consideration of the designer. This is too often neglected, since the design is frequently made by men or youths unacquainted with the laws of cooling and contraction. But very often it is impossible to design the casting with equal masses of metal throughout, and then the rate of cooling will be inversely proportional to the relative areas of the sections compared with their perimeters. The rate of cooling will also, secondarily, depend on its position—whether surrounded by or in close proximity with other metal, or whether to the outside of the mold.

The success or soundness of a casting under contraction is, then, dependent in the first place on the designer, that all parts should, as far as possible, be of even proportion as to their mass and perimeter, and where this is impossible the responsibility will devolve upon the founder, who must, by artificial accelerated cooling by early uncovering, or by retarded cooling by hot plates, endeavor to produce a simultaneous rate of cooling throughout the casting.

There is still another most useful precaution in the hands of the designer, and that is to evade the disastrous effects of irregular contraction. We will now explain what may be considered to take place, during cooling in the mold, in a very common instance, that of a rigger. The outside face of a rigger is usually of very slight section, and being situated to the outside of the mold is in peculiarly favorable circumstances for rapid cooling. The rim will thus cool and contract much the first, whilst the arms and boss are still hot, the arms being slightly compressed to permit the shrinkage of the rim. When the arms and boss are then cooled and contract, the rim is already set and rigid, and cannot give to the contraction of the arms. These latter, then, being put under high tension, will probably part, as is generally seen to be the case in straight arm d riggers; each double arm, forming a diameter, having parted on one side or the other. This is a perfectly simple course of action under the natural laws, and is the key to ninety-nine out of a hundred unexpected breakages of castings, under slight strain. For in some instances, where the difference in time of cooling is but slight, and the section of metal strong, the contraction does not always produce breakage in the mold, but the castings are delivered, apparently sound, until subjected to a slight strain or sudden jar; when the already severely strained portions at once break, long before the normal breaking strain is reached. This peculiar danger of portions of the casting being, though apparently sound, yet under abnormal tension, may be well illustrated by the two following cases. A square plate of thin section, with a heavy boss in the middle, was taken out of the sand apparently sound, and placed till wanted in a yard. After some little time had elapsed it was found to have split spontaneously right across the center, and it was noticed that the slit was widest across the central boss, or strongest part, and scarcely reached to the outside edges, or weakest parts. Now this apparent paradox may be easily explained by reference to the above instance of the rigger, the action being exactly the same. The outside of the plate, offering large surface and small section, cooled much sooner than the heavy central boss and internal portion of the plate. The outside of the plate having thus taken its set compressing the liquid or hot metal within by contracting, offers a perfectly rigid resistance to the after contraction of the boss and center. The outside and center were thus straining against one another in opposite directions, not being able at first to part, but at last doing so under the influence, probably, of the expansion and contraction caused in it by the weather. The use of this foundation plate might thus have seriously endangered the safety of some structure or crane for which it was doubtless intended. The other instance is that of a circular valve box, with intermediate floor, carrying four valves; in this casting the metal floor supporting the valve seats, four in number, formed two diametric ties between the surrounding wall of the box, exactly similar in principle to the arms of the above mentioned rigger. Here the same consequences may be traced. The outer wall first cools and sets the valve floor afterward; but the outer wall being already set cannot give to this after contraction, so that the valve floor will thus be placed under great tension. This fact was well evidenced by the behavior of the castings. In some cases the castings broke in the mold, in others they broke spontaneously, whilst lying in the yard; again, in other cases, after they had been placed to their work, the shock of the valves soon deciding the fracture. In all cases the fractures took place in the smallest sections of the transverse ties, one in each tie.

Although such breakages as we have already pointed out may be, in great measure, obviated by the founder's proper attention to obtain simultaneous cooling throughout the casting, for, in such cases, all parts will contract *pari passu*, and no tendency to part should occur—yet it is almost safer for the designer, where possible, to make the safety of the casting independent of the attention of the founder. This may be done by never designing a diametrical tie the shortest distance between the two circumferential points. This is effected in riggers by making the arms of S shape; so that, when the after contraction of the arms sets in, the arms are able to give to the contraction, by flattening their arcs and thus becoming a shorter length over all without parting. This principle was afterward applied with every success to the above valve-box, by arching the valve floor. The intelligent consideration of these very simple laws of the contraction of castings in cooling, under all their varieties of form, is well worth the earnest attention of designers and founders.—Iron.

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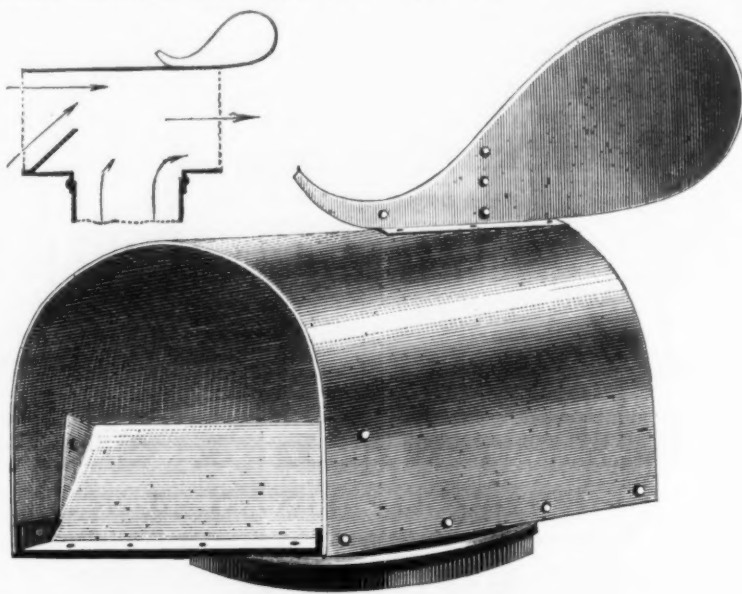
The idea embodied in this invention is to create a draught in the chimney by utilizing the power of the wind, and at the same time to prevent the possibility of a wind from any direction reversing or checking the draught. There are many chimneys in which there is no draught at all, either because they do not become warm, and so the air in them is cooled and has a tendency to rise rather than fall, or because cold currents from the outside cool the air within, and so prevent a draught. Beside these, rough inside surfaces and small flues often destroy the draught.

By placing a cowl upon the top of the chimney, downward currents of wind are prevented from stopping the draught, and if the cowl be properly made, the wind may be utilized in creating a draught. This is done by an application of the well-known principle of the injector. The cowl of which we speak consists of a short, semi-circular tube or pipe, at the

would have been impossible to save him in such a sea and on such a dark, cloudy night; and, strange to say, though life buoys, oars, gratings, etc., were thrown overboard, none of them were seen by the man in the water nor yet by the eight men who manned the boats. I may say I distinctly saw the light forty-three minutes; it was then three miles off."

It may be said that so far as it was possible to form an opinion from what was to be seen on the Thames last night, the signal lights in question fairly carried out the favorable verdicts pronounced upon them. They were set aloft from a small boat under Westminster bridge about 9:15, wanting about an hour and a half to high water, the night being clear and still, and what little wind there was blowing with the tide, and that could still be seen burning brightly beyond the arches of Lambeth bridge. Under such circumstances it would, of course, be idle to pretend to estimate from yesterday's experience what their value really would be in a strong gale with a heavy sea on; but there can be no doubt that the light they show is not only brilliant, but lasting, and one which, with the report of the Challenger, we would be inclined to say would be useful in indicating a fixed position at sea to those on board, though how far they would serve to show a man in the water what was being done for his aid we are hardly in a position to say.

Compression in Casting.—Col. Uchatius, director of the Arsenal at Vienna, whose name is coupled with a peculiarly fine and tenacious steel made in Sweden, has lately given the results of an exhaustive series of experiments on compressing bronze when in a state of fusion,



NEW CHIMNEY COWL.

mouth of which is placed a slanting partition. A current of air passing through the cowl is deflected by this partition, and forms a partial vacuum behind it. Into the vacuum thus created the smoke from the chimney rushes, producing a decided artificial draught, much more powerful than one would at first suppose possible. The small diagram shows a section of the cowl with spindle removed. The arrows show the direction taken by the wind and smoke, the vacuum produced by the outward rush of the air being filled by the smoke coming up from below, as indicated by the arrows.

In order to keep the cowl always face to the wind, it is made to turn upon a spindle, the bearing for which is of glass, in order to reduce the friction as low as possible. A vane is provided to keep the cowl head to the wind.

Saving Life at Sea.

The London Times of the 2d instant says: An experiment, which there is good reason to believe may prove something more than a mere experiment, was tried on Monday evening on the Thames, immediately in front of the Houses of Parliament, with what are known at the Admiralty as Holmes' Shipwreck and Distress Signals. The signals are the same as those which two years since were held to have been the most successful in the Northfleet experiments on the Serpentine and on the Mersey. They have, moreover, been tried on board the Challenger, and the trial would seem to have been very satisfactory. It is said that they never failed to light on striking the water, and would keep alight for twenty or thirty minutes, and the opinion of those who made the trial is that they would be extremely valuable for indicating a fixed position at sea, either for marking a danger or for denoting the whereabouts of a life buoy, and that they would be in any case far superior to the light on the service life-buoy. Fortunately for the crew of the Challenger, the report from which we have quoted is unable to furnish us with any information as to the practical result of such a light in the case of a man overboard at night, as no such case occurred; but we have a very clear statement from Capt. Gillon, of the ship *Boeophorus*, which we may be excused from giving in full:

"At 9:30 p. m. on the 7th of August, in lat. 45° N., and long. 32° W., it being a dark night, with a strong wind and heavy sea running, a man named John Rowe, a native of Plymouth, fell from the jibboom into the sea. I heard his voice as he was passing the stern, and hove the Holmes' rescue signal light to the sound, and it at once showed a very bright light.

"The ship at the time was going eleven miles an hour, and of course was a considerable distance from the man before she could bestopped and a boat got out; but through the light pointing out the spot where the man was he was found and received on board in twenty-five minutes; but had there been no light it

and otherwise treating so that it acquired many of the properties of steel. With an alloy of 90 per cent. of copper and 10 per cent. of tin, and a pressure of 80 tons, a very hard, tenacious metal was produced, but one with little more elasticity than ordinary bronze. On cold rolling this bronze cast under pressure into an ingot, its power of resistance, its elasticity and hardness were increased. After repeated experiments it was found that an alloy of 92 per cent. of copper and 8 per cent. of tin was the best and most economical. In casting the bronze to produce a homogeneous mass, after repeated and varied trials a double mold with a solid forged copper core 0.5 meter in diameter was decided to be the best. The bronze produced in this manner is declared to have all the hardness, homogeneity, and power of resistance of steel tubes. Its wearing qualities are as great, and the cost of bronze guns made in this way is much less than steel if the value of the old metal is taken into account.

Lead.

In an article in the San Francisco Scientific Press, Mr. Henry G. Hanks thus summarizes pretty much all that is known of lead:

Metallic lead has a bluish gray color. It is usually tarnished, in which case it has no luster, but when freshly cut shows a surface highly metallic and brilliant. It is a soft metal, very malleable, easily fusible and volatile at a white heat. It is scarcely acted on by hydrochloric acid or dilute sulphuric acid; but moderately dilute nitric acid dissolves it, more readily if heat is applied.

The presence of lead in any substance containing it may with certainty and ease be determined by heating the sample on a piece of well burned willow charcoal, in one portion of which—nearest the flame—a small cavity or depression has been made, in which the assay may be placed, a little carbonate of soda added and the flame of an oil lamp or large candle turned upon it by means of the mouth blow-pipe. The direction of the flame at first should be downward until the assay begins to melt, after which it should be blown softly and nearly horizontally across the charcoal. If lead is in the assay, a coating will form on the charcoal which is lemon yellow when hot, and sulphur yellow when cold. Other volatile substances which may be present will also form coatings, but they will be distinct, and at distances more remote from the assay, nor will they be the same color. Zinc, like lead, gives a yellow coating, which, to the inexperienced, might lead to mistakes, but if the charcoal is allowed to cool the zinc coating will become white, by which reaction it may be distinguished.

The following are the reagents used in the determination of lead in the wet way, and the reactions which occur:

Hydrosulphuric acid or sulphide of ammonium added to solutions of lead salts gives black precipitates of sulphide of lead which are not soluble in cold dilute acids, alkalis, alkaline sulphides or cyanide of potassium, but the precipitate may be decomposed by boiling nitric acid. The acid must be dilute or a part of the lead will be changed to the sulphate and remain insoluble. Soda, potassa and ammonia throw down basic salts of lead in the form of white precipitates which are insoluble in ammonia. The exception is solution of acetate of lead, from which pure ammonia (free from carbonate) does not immediately produce a precipitate, a soluble triacetate of lead being formed.

Carbonate of soda produces a white precipitate of basic carbonate of lead, when added in solution to the solution of any lead salt. This precipitate is not soluble in excess of the precipitant nor in cyanide of potassium.

Hydrochloric acid, or the soluble chlorides, produce in solutions of the lead salts, if concentrated, a heavy precipitate of chloride of lead, which is soluble in a large quantity of warm water.

Sulphuric acid and sulphates throw down from lead solutions a heavy precipitate of sulphate of lead, which is nearly insoluble in water and dilute acids, but dissolves readily in solution of citrate of ammonia.

Chromate of potassa when added to a solution containing lead throws down a beautiful yellow precipitate of chromate of lead, which dissolves in potassa, but which is nearly insoluble in nitric acid.

It should be understood that the above reagents are in solution, and are to be added in every case to solutions of substances containing lead.

Lead occurs in nature in a variety of forms, but most of the metal furnished to commerce is from galena or sulphuret of lead. Native lead is reported as occurring in globules at Alston Moor, and at the mines near Carthage, Spain, but never in sufficient quantity to work, or even to furnish specimens for the cabinet of the mineralogist.

Galena, the most abundant ore of lead, has a metallic luster. Its color and streak are pure lead gray. When broken it is still cubic in form, even when reduced to the finest powder. It always contains silver and sometimes selenium, zinc, cadmium, manganese, gold, antimony, copper and iron. Even platinum is said to be found in galena in France.

It is a mistake to suppose that any external appearance indicates the quantity of silver in a sample of galena.

There is a variety of galena which is called supersulphureted lead. The excess of sulphur results from the decomposition of a portion of the galena, setting the sulphur free.

There are several minerals which resemble galena, and may easily be mistaken for it. The most common is micaceous iron, a variety of hematite. The resemblance of this mineral to galena is sometimes so striking as to deceive the inexperienced. It may, however, be distinguished by the following tests: When heated on charcoal it gives off no odor of sulphur, nor can it be fused before the blow pipe. No metallic beads are formed when carbonate of soda is added. After strong heating it becomes red, and on cooling is found to be attractable by the magnet.

Galena in Missouri and Illinois has been extensively worked. The largest deposits in the world are in the Western States, and that ore is there found associated with limestone, blende, carbonate and sulphate of lead, pyrites, and often an ore of copper and cobalt.

The lead region of Wisconsin comprises sixty-two townships, eight in Iowa, ten in Illinois, being eighty-seven miles in diameter, from east to west, and fifty-four miles from north to south. Throughout this region there is scarcely a square mile in which traces of lead may not be found. From a single spot not exceeding fifty yards square, three million pounds of ore have been raised, and in one of the townships two men have raised 16,000 pounds in a day. The mines of the upper Mississippi afford about 700,000 pigs annually, and those of Missouri about 150,000 pigs.

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To give the reader some idea of the production of lead in the United States, the following statistics for the year 1874 have been compiled:

	Tons.		Tons.
Missouri.....	15,000	Chicago.....	2,300
California.....	8,000		
Philadelphia.....	6,500		46,500
New York.....	6,500		
Newark.....	5,500	Imported.....	18,000
Iowa.....	5,500	U. S. Sales.....	4,600
Illinois.....	5,500		
Wisconsin.....	5,500		
Omaha.....	5,500		68,500
Salt Lake.....	3,500		

In 1874 the Union Pacific Railroad carried East 3500 tons refined lead and 15,000 tons bullion, by which is meant lead carrying more or less of the precious metals.

Roman Kitchen Utensils.—A paragraph in the *Journal de Geneve* mentions the acquisition by the museum of that town of a set of Roman kitchen utensils found in a field near Martigny, having probably been buried on account of some sudden alarm. There are 30 articles, mostly in bronze, some of them elaborately worked, reminding one of the beautiful shape and ornamentation of Pompeian vessels. The shovel and pot-hanger do not differ much from modern articles, and there is an earthen mold shaped like a shell, several plates in various sizes, a saucepan with the bottom worn away, a large boiler, a funnel, two ladles, a stew pan, and vases, or ewers, with two gladiators, and apparently awarded as a prize. There are also two silver ornaments, seemingly of later date, and believed by Dr. Gosse, the curator, to have been used in Christian worship. He attributes the find to the third century. Three bronze coins were discovered in the same spot, two of them bearing the effigy of Augustus and the third that of Antoninus.

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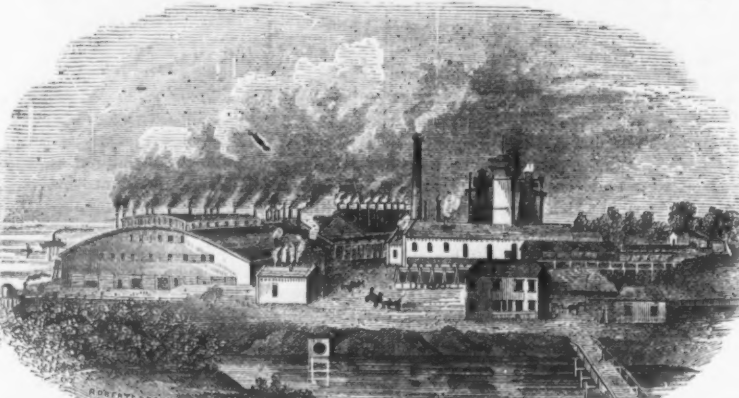
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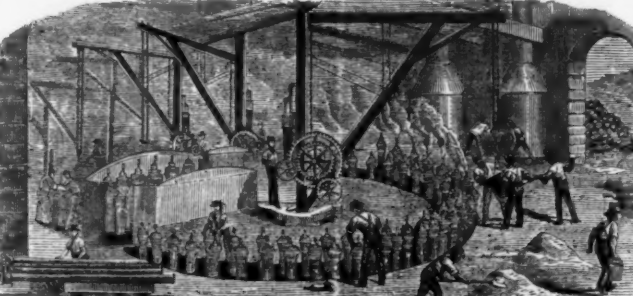
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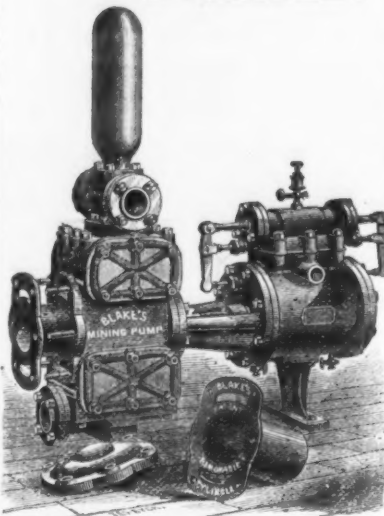
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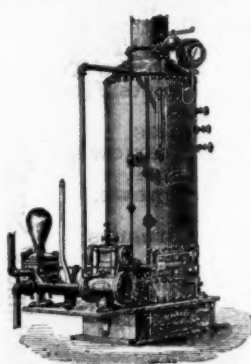
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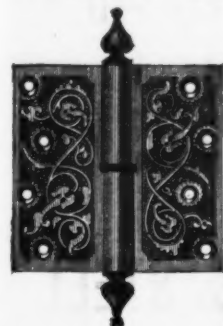
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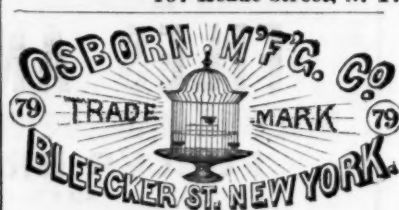
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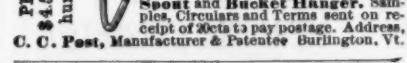
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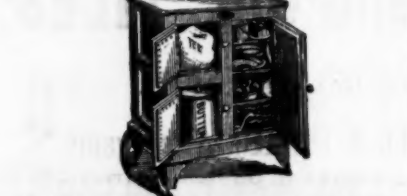
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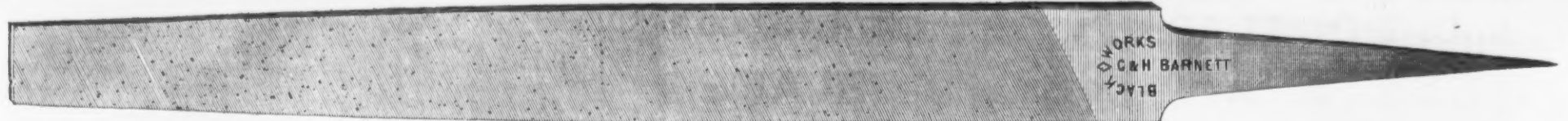
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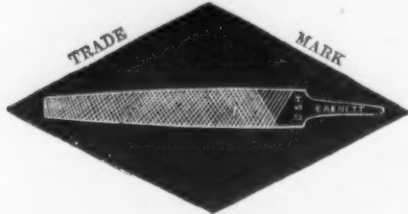
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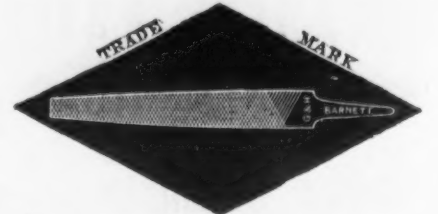
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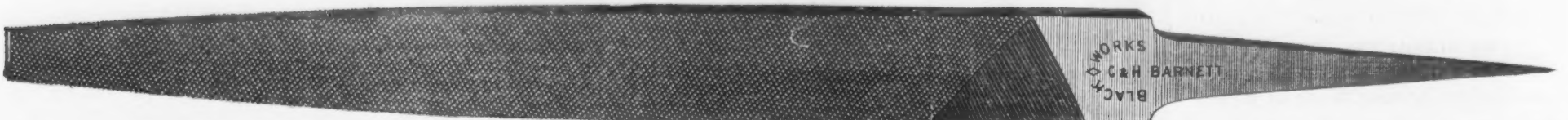
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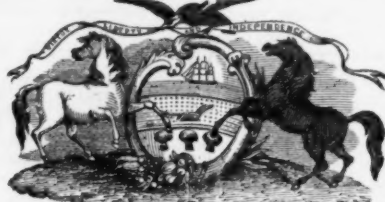
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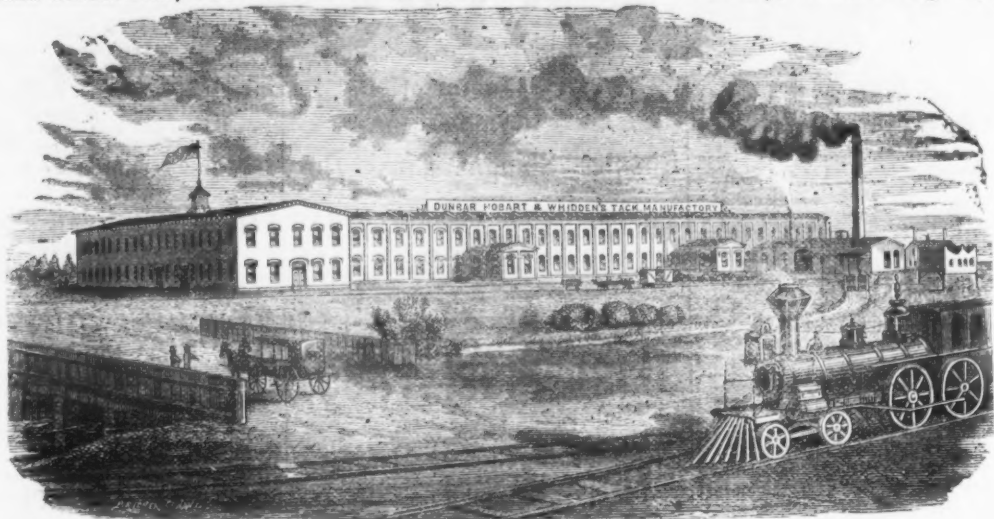
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Valentine Iron Company, of Bellefonte, are at the present time enlarging their works, building a new furnace, and putting in several new boilers, and repairing them in general. They have more orders on hand now than they can possibly fill for some time to come. It was impossible to get along without enlarging, as the demand upon the works had become so great.

Although it is only a little over two months since the axe and hoe factory at Beaver Falls, Pittsburgh, were burned, new building have been erected and the works put in operation again.

W. D. Wood & Co. have doubled their capacity for the production of Russia and patent planished sheet iron, at their mills in McKeesport.

The Hazard Manufacturing Company have lately built a wheel-house, and are now constructing a water-wheel which will be 40 feet in diameter, and 6 feet 3 in. in width, of which Mr. H. Deppe, of Millport, is the builder. The wheel will be provided with an iron shaft and iron spiders.

The rolling mill of the Blandon Iron Company, at Blandon, has resumed work, having been idle since February last, owing to a strike of the puddlers. The puddlers now employed are new men, and the strikers endeavored to drive them off by force, but were dispersed by the authorities.

The Keystone Bridge Company has just completed the draw of the bridge over the Raritan, on the New York and Long Branch Road. It is 472 feet long and has two clear openings of 300 feet each. The draw is worked by two steam engines of 8x12 inch cylinders, and it takes about three minutes to swing it.

Thin sheets of iron (1-10,000th of an inch in thickness) are being rolled at Graff, Bennett & Co.'s, Pittsburgh, from iron puddled in their Danks machines.

The Pittsburgh Locomotive Works recently delivered two heavy 32-ton freight engines to the Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago road.

The La Belle Steel Works, Allegheny, to keep up with orders are now erecting two hammers—one of 1400 lbs. for steel tilting, the other for forging axles.

The machine shop of James Brown & Son, in Pittsburgh, was burned the 19th ult. The shops were six story brick buildings. Loss on stock and buildings, \$65,000; insurance unknown.

A new coal machine, the invention of Dr. J. R. Hayes, "for pressing coal dust into fuel," has been put in operation at Harrisburg. "A ton of coal was made by it in six minutes." This is stated to be the first successful effort made in this country for the utilization of coal dust on a large scale; and the machine, which is described as "simple, cheap and universally practicable," will, it is hoped, "add millions of dollars to the coal wealth of Pennsylvania."

N. & A. Middleton, Philadelphia, are running their works night and day, having large orders for their Bessemer steel springs, beside orders for 68,000 wool-packing springs.

NEW JERSEY.

The Passaic Rolling Mills, at Paterson, are running double turn and employing 400 men. Beside bridge and shape iron for the Watson Manufacturing Company, the mills have been turning out some very large and heavy beams for the new Capitol building, at Albany, N. Y.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company have begun the erection of a new building at their works at Quinsigamond Village, near Worcester, 1000 feet long and 50 feet wide, of wood, in which they propose to begin the manufacture of charcoal steel wire and rods, a new industry for Worcester. They will put in four fires at the start, and add more after the establishment is in working order. A steam hammer, with a 2½ tons stroke is to be included in the machinery of the new works.

The Taunton Locomotive Works have contracted to build 12 large locomotives for the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Union Car Spring Company, who were burned out at Springfield, have resumed business in a modest way in the blacksmith shop of the Boston & Albany Railroad over the river.

Frank Chapman is rapidly completing the full equipment for his new cutlery works at Holyoke, and will get them in full running order in about two weeks, when he will employ some 50 men.

RHODE ISLAND.

Mr. John B. Anthony, president of the Providence Tool Company, has returned from his visit to Turkey, and with contracts for the Martini-Henry rifle sufficient to keep the works running for two years longer. He was received with great honors at the court of the Sultan, and decorated with the order of Osmanli.

CONNECTICUT.

The Seth Thomas Clock Company, of Thomaston, have the contract for the large town clock the gift of Mr. Henry Seybert, of Philadelphia, to that city for Independence Hall, to be completed by July 4th, 1876. The bell will weigh 13,000 pounds, for each of the thirteen original States. The total value of Mr. Seybert's gift is \$30,000.

The Howe Sewing Machine Company, at Bridgeport, have begun the manufacture of the Manning Machine for use in making boots and shoes and other heavy work. The company recently purchased the right for \$20,000, and expect to make this branch of their business an important one.

The Shear works in Naugatuck were burned the 18th inst. Loss \$10,000; insurance, \$5000. A building 30x80 feet is being erected by the Coe Brass Company, at Walcottville, in which

will be placed the machines used for stamping, cutting out cartridges, etc.

The Sharpe's Rifle Company, at Hartford, has definitely decided to move to Bridgeport.

INDIANA.

The Indianapolis Rolling Mill has contracted to make for the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Road new iron rails sufficient to relay seventeen miles of track, the rails to be furnished as fast as the company needs them, between this and November 1.

The Ohio Falls Car Works, at Jeffersonville, have turned out two reclining chair parlor cars for the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western Railroad.

MICHIGAN.

The Marquette City steam forge is running at present on an order for car axles from the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Co. The proprietors are expecting orders that will keep them busy all summer.

MARYLAND.

Twenty thousand pounds of Ore Knob copper were recently sold to Henry McShane & Co., brass and bell founders, Baltimore. This was the first product of Ingots of the Ore Knob Copper Company, located in the Allegheny Mountains of North Carolina.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Exeter Foundry and Machine Company at a meeting of the stockholders, May 24, voted to increase its capital stock from \$26,000 to \$55,000, and to change its name to the Exeter Machine Works.

The main building of the Agricultural Works, in Lebanon, was burned the 11th ult., together with the valuable machinery and stock. The loss is \$33,000, partially insured. One hundred and fifty workmen are thrown out of employment by the disaster, and they have lost all their tools.

Blood's Locomotive Works, at Manchester, will be run for the present only five days in a week. About 150 workmen are employed there now, which is less than one-fourth required to run the works at the full capacity.

The Goodell Company have shut down their cutlery works in Bennington, and commenced moving the stock and machinery to Antrim.

OHIO.

The galvanizing iron works of the Cleveland Boiler Plate Company are driven to their full capacity, with orders ahead. The boiler plate department has also of late been kept more than ordinarily busy. It is the intention of the company to commence the manufacture of steel plate within two weeks.

The Cleveland Scale Company have added to their premises a three story brick building 17x75 feet, to meet an increased demand for scale, safe, letter press and similar work.

The Canton Wrought Iron Bridge Company have now under contract over \$100,000 worth of wrought iron bridge work. The work done in this establishment last year ran over \$400,000. They are now building a railroad bridge in Iowa, also one at Saginaw, with 200 feet swing and 160 feet truss.

The Youngstown Tribune says, that Robert McCurdy, Esq., has sold his one-eighth interest in the Enterprise mill, at that place, to Messrs. James Cartwright, Chas. Cartwright, Samuel J. Atkins, and William H. McCurdy. Consideration, \$50,000.

The Bellaire Nail Works have successfully introduced a self nail feeder. The striking feeders have concluded to go back to work.

Bolton, Meyers & Co., of Canton, are improving their steel works by enlargement and the construction of a Siemens-Martin furnace. A superior quality of crucible, tool and spring steel is made by this firm.

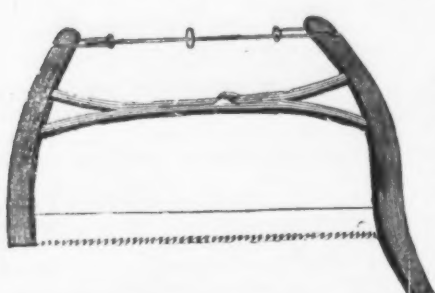
The Iron and Steel Company, of Ironton, have plenty of orders, and every department of the mill is running.

The Etna Iron Works, at Ironton, O., were organized in January, 1873, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, of which \$250,000 embraced two charcoal furnaces and 20,000 acres of developed ore land. Notwithstanding the panic, and the fact that a large majority of the stockholders were in favor of suppression of operations, work was pushed steadily on, until the enterprise is now near completion. The work consists of a plant of self-coking furnaces, 87 feet 6 inches high, 27 feet 6 inches diameter of casing, and 18 feet 6 inches in diameter of boshes. Each furnace has four Whitwell hot blast stoves with a heating surface of over 50,000 square feet, the temperature of the blast to be sustained from 1400° to 1600°. The chimney is 195 feet high and 9 feet in the clear, this height being necessary to create a draft for the thorough combustion or oxidation of gas in the stoves. There will be 12 cylindrical boilers in three batteries, each boiler 64 feet long. In the engine house, which is covered by iron water tanks, there will be five vertical engines. The steam hoist tower, which is built of iron columns, will be operated by two engines, each being separate and independent of the other. The stock house will contain bins having a capacity of 10,000 tons. In the stock house there will be constructed four calcining bins, each 40 feet high, with 35 feet boshes. As the ore comes from the company's mines, by its own narrow gauge road, the 6-ton cars will be hoisted and lowered by friction pulleys, and the ore dropped into the kilns. It is estimated that one ton of coal slack will calcine 30 tons of ore.

The Minong (Mich.) Copper Mining Company is about to inaugurate operations on an extensive scale at Isle Royale. There are some sixty ancient pits on the company's property, and it is estimated that with the tools then in use it must have taken a hundred thousand men a hundred years to perform the work done by that ancient and unknown race. Certain it is that copper exists there in almost inexhaustible quantities, and no mine has yet been developed on one of these ancient sites which has not proved profitable.

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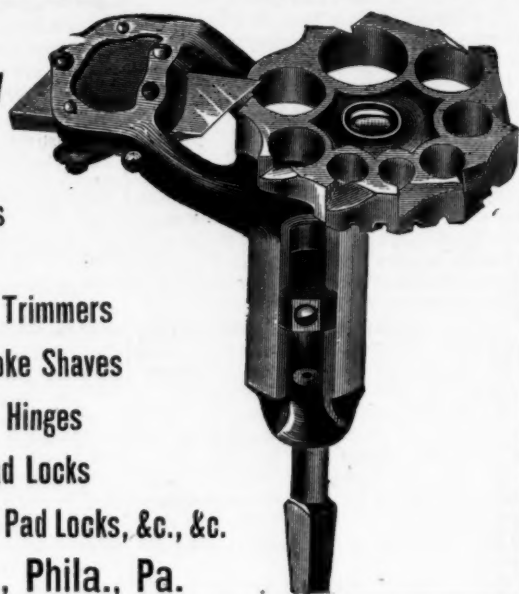
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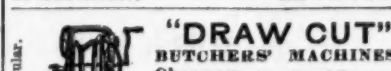
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PHILADELPHIA, June 28, 1875.

Nothing more was wanted to squelch the small amount of business doing in this city than the terrible heat which has existed for the last half of the past week. With the thermometer at 100° in the shade, and from 15° to 20° higher in the sun, trade languishes, production must pause, and speculation ceases altogether. Still, the week presents its share of gossip, some of which is of interest. An additional impetus to the Centennial cause was given by the meeting and visit of the bankers of the country to the grounds, and the formation of a numismatic association for a proper display of the coins and currency of the country during the century. The bankers did more than this, though, they thoroughly inspected the grounds and buildings, they indorsed the action of the commission, and they pledged themselves to use their influence throughout the country to secure the funds still necessary for the completion of the work. This is the strongest and most solid influence yet brought to the aid of the cause, and will be of very great service in the end. Although the subject is noted daily, and almost *ad nauseam*, it is necessary for the interests of all that the progress of affairs shall be reported from time to time. In this progress, therefore, we have to chronicle a contract which has just been closed by the managers with a passenger railway company here, by which they are to construct and operate within the Exhibition grounds a double track narrow gauge railroad, which will traverse the entire circle between the various buildings, a distance of some three and a half miles. This road is to be equipped with five locomotives and forty palace cars, all of which are tendered the company free of cost by different locomotive and car builders of the country. While this will be a great accommodation in affording means of transit to visitors, it will also be a splendid advertisement to the shops furnishing the cars and engines. It is also a suggestion to numerous manufacturers of all sorts of conveniences and comforts to the public, to place them at the disposal of the commission to be used throughout the grounds, thus accommodating the visitors and benefiting themselves at the same time.

A very important railroad enterprise, and one which has included some very extraordinary engineering work, has been completed and opened during the past week, with less notice than it deserves. This is the extension of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, known as the Easton and Amboy Road, connecting the Lehigh Valley Road at Phillipsburg, on the Delaware, with tide water, and practically with ocean navigation, at Perth Amboy, N. J. The history of the construction of this road is remarkable, since it included not only that of one of the greatest engineering works of the day, the Musconetcong Tunnel, but that the entire road was built without the creation of any bonded debt whatever, the latter surely a feature which will commend itself in these days of slippery railroad finance. The road was begun in 1871, surveys being made by Mr. Robert H. Sayre, the chief engineer of the Lehigh Valley Company, and assistants. At Easton, the Pennsylvania terminus, is the bridge connecting the road with the Lehigh Valley R. R. track, and although still unfinished, is a splendid iron truss bridge, 1200 feet long, crossing the Delaware River. Two miles from Phillipsburg is an iron viaduct 381 feet long, crossing the Morris and Essex Canal, at an elevation of 125 feet. Beyond this is the Springtown embankment, which is one of the greatest "fills" in railroad history. This stretches across a valley 1700 feet wide and is 127 feet high, requiring 550,000 cubic yards of filling. Through it is a double arch culvert of 13,000 cubic yards of masonry, 400 feet long, with arches of 34 feet span, admitting water courses and a roadway. Although more costly than a viaduct it is economical by reason of permanency. Another embankment of 400,000 cubic yards at Pine Hollow shows the magnitude of the work. Next on the line is the Musconetcong Tunnel, which, with the exception of the Hoosac, is the greatest engineering feat on the Atlantic slope. The opening of this tunnel was reported at the time, although it is really but just finished. It was begun April 19th, 1872, and work has been steadily driven since. Three times the working force was driven out by water, while the rock and other difficulties made it a greater job than the Hoosac Tunnel. Beyond the tunnel the road presents no special features until the coal wharves of Perth Amboy are reached. These are models of construction, built on piles 30 feet above the ground; 1500 feet in length by 75 feet wide. On each side shuttles give access to an extended system of tracks, all connected by the Lorenz switch, the invention of Mr. William Lorenz, the chief engineer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and now in use on most of the roads in the country. On these wharves 20,000 tons of coal can be handled daily, and two more of similar capacity are being finished. The road gives the Lehigh Company an outlet to the sea for their coal over their own track, and also gives railroad facilities to a very thriving region of country. As an engineering work it is extremely interesting, and as a new feeder for coal to New York and New England, highly important.

The commencement exercises of the University of Pennsylvania, held during the week, bring out the interesting facts of the reception of that institution of exceeding the year equal to \$1,100,000, exceeding those made to any other college in any one year, and also more than this has received in the whole one hundred and twenty years of its existence. Further, it announces the opening of the Towne Scientific School, under the charge of Professor Lesley, as Dean. This department will commence September 15, 1875, and the course of study will include chemistry and metallurgy, geology, civil and dynamic engineering, physics and architecture. The synopsis shows that this curriculum is to be very thorough, and especially so in analytical chemistry and metallurgy. In the latter of which is included the construction and management of blast furnaces and engines. The bequest of the founder of this school enables the faculty of the University to supply the only department hitherto wanting in the course, and which was especially needed in this city. A curious movement is announced from the Granger's headquarters at Washington, which is an arrangement to create a system of international exchange between the Co-operative Societies of Great Britain and the Patrons of Husbandry here. The movement originates abroad with the Central Co-operative Board of Great Britain, which states the object to be to "reform abuses, get rid of middlemen, restore commercial integrity, equalize wealth, etc." It represents that much greater quantities of American products would be sold in England but for extravagant charges of middlemen, and that the same is true of manufactured articles sent to America from England. The

plan of co-operation proposes direct trade in their own ships freighted with English goods to exchange for the grain and cotton of the Granger on equitable terms. There are 500,000 members of the co-operative societies of Great Britain, and 2,000,000 Grangers in the United States, hence we may argue that 2,500,000 people, if this movement was practicable, would expect to do the entire business of the English speaking people of the two countries, which, although highly euphemistic on their part, is "a trifle gauzy" to practical people. Once more we have a machine to make pressed fuel from coal dust, said to be practical, the invention of Dr. Hayes, of Harrisburg, and tested first this week. By it a ton of coal was made in six minutes, and as it is simple, cheap and universally practicable, it will add, it is hoped, millions of dollars to the coal wealth of Pennsylvania; when I know more of it I will report. The Southwark Iron Works of Henry G. Morris, lately bankrupt, was to have been sold at auction, including tools, plant etc., this week, but the sale was postponed under injunction granted mortgagees.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has just placed on the track a locomotive capable of drawing 100 loaded cars in train, and seven tons heavier than the Modoc, whose power is double that of an ordinary engine. Although severe on the road-bed, the use of steel rails and first-class construction admits the adoption of such mammoth engines, which are economical in reducing cost of traffic.

Metallurgy in Japan.

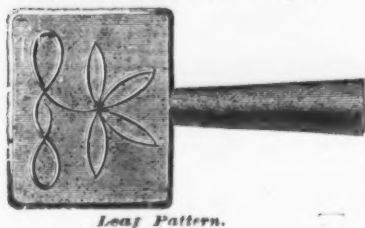
In a thesis prepared by a Japanese student, just graduated at Rutgers College, we find the following: Iron ores are very abundant in the Japanese Islands. The chief ores of Japanese iron industry are magnetic iron ore, specular iron ore and brown hematite. The first is found in two varieties, one of iron-gray color and the other black. Masses of this ore in the state of magnetic polarity, generally called lodestones, are found in the eastern part of Nipon, Sendai and Nambu. They are very highly esteemed for the steel manufacture, for swords and compass needles. Japanese furnaces are small in size and simple in structure, although the principle is the same as that of the blast furnace used here and in Europe. The walls of the Japanese furnace are built with fire-proof clay, and sometimes with a few stones. The shape of the furnace is round at the bottom, having at one side an opening which is closed with a clay stopper. On the opposite side of the furnace wall, a little above the bottom, there are two openings through which a continuous stream of air is passed into the furnace by means of a Chinese bellows worked by men. Before the ores are put into the furnace they are piled up in heaps with coal and calcined, or roasted, so that the water, carbonic acid, and sulphur may be expelled. The Japanese do not know the theory of the puddling process used in the Western countries, but the principle is exactly the same. The cast iron mixed with some sand and some iron scales is melted, with charcoal heat in a furnace similar to that already described, and kept in this melted state for several days until the whole mass assumes a fluid appearance. The Japanese method of steel making is entirely different from those usually employed in Western countries. It is done in this way. They mix a certain quantity of pig iron, which contains too great a quantity of carbon, with a certain quantity of bar iron, which has too little carbon, and cover the mass with borax and smelt in a small crucible of fire-proof clay for more than a week. The borax is used to dissolve any impurities in the slag. When the metal is separated from the slag floating on the surface, it is taken out and hammered hard, and alternately cooled in water and oil for many times. After the steel has been cast in that method, it is cemented and tempered. The method of cementing consists in covering thickly the hammered steel with a liquid mixture of clay, loam, ashes and charcoal powder. When this layer is dried the whole is heated red-hot and then cooled very slowly in warm water. The steel is now ground on a whetstone. The steel thus made is not very elastic, but is very hard. The explanation is that either the Japanese do not understand the tempering process, or they are unable to remove entirely the impurities from the steel. I have often heard Japanese blacksmiths say that watch springs can never be made in Japan, for Japanese steel is not elastic. The Japanese take great care and time in steel manufacture for swords. For instance, for ordinary knives forging and cooling are to be done only four times, but for swords fifteen times. Copper is and will be the most important metal of Japan. It is found in almost every province. For roasting they have a loamy furnace covered with a shed, provided near the bottom with several openings for the draft of the air. Five alternate layers of ore and wood are placed in the furnace and burned.

The Canton (O.) Wrought Iron Bridge Company have now under contract over \$160,000 worth of wrought iron bridge work. The work done in this establishment last year ran over \$400,000. They are now building a railroad bridge in Iowa, also one at Saginaw with 200 feet swing and 160 feet truss; span to be on wrought cylinder piers, no cast iron being used in railroad bridges. This company have bridges in twenty-five different States, the aggregate length of which will measure 28 miles. Their shops are conveniently situated on the line of Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, with every facility for rapidly turning out and shipping bridge work, the capacity being 150 feet per day.

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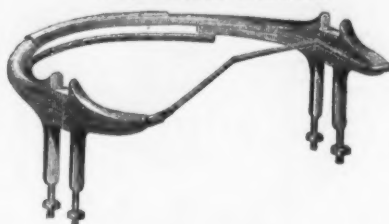
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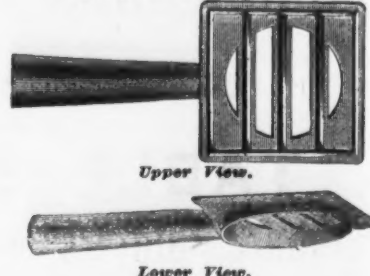
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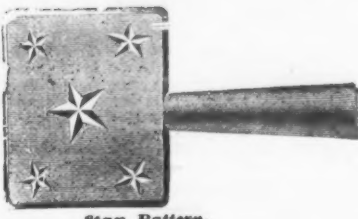
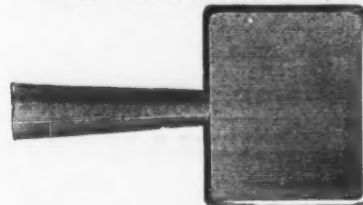
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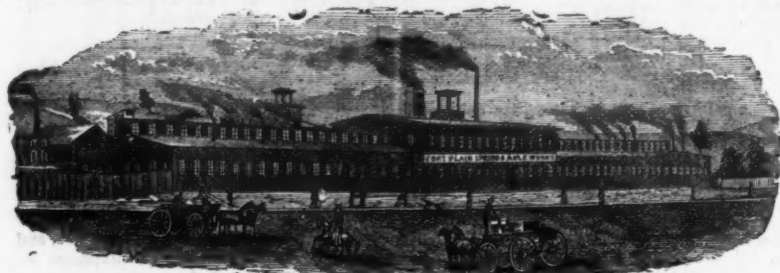
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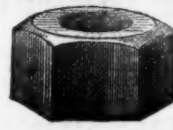
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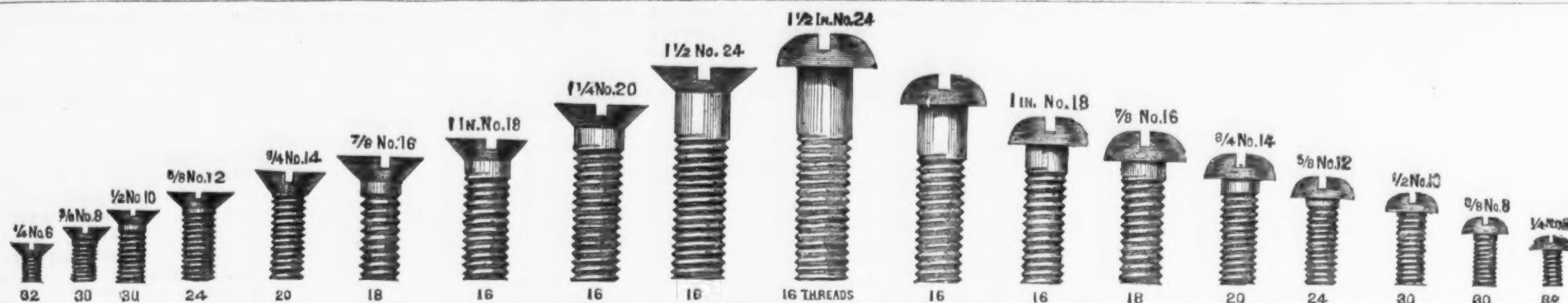
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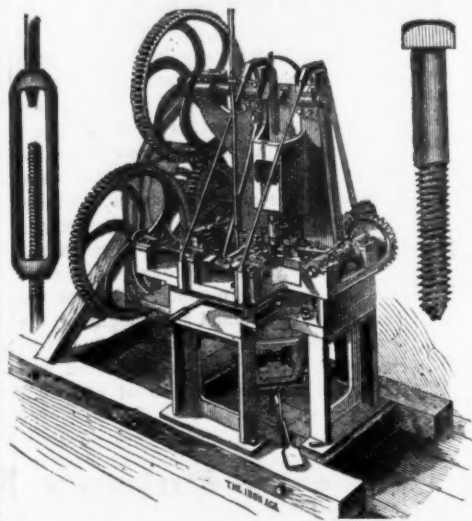
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American Iron for Export.

"Merchants are selling American Iron 'at Wolverhampton at \$35 per ton.' So says an Associated Press dispatch under date of June 24th. The item will probably surprise a great many of our readers, especially those who have doubted the practicability of exporting pig iron from this country to foreign markets. Of course, all interested are aware that the American iron which merchants are selling at Wolverhampton is charcoal pig iron, and that the price named leaves a fair but small margin of profit. Nevertheless, such a telegram at any time within the past three years previous to 1875 would have excited in the minds of the public a degree of astonishment which will not now be the case, because of the general knowledge of the people that our imports from Great

Britain of raw irons have almost ceased, and that we can supply certain grades of the same material to that country on better terms than can be obtained elsewhere. The inception of our iron shipments to England has been the source of so much discussion as to need no repetition here. Like all new ventures on a foreign market, our charcoal iron shipments were regarded with distrust and doubt as to the quality of the metal, and the usual uncertainty arising from disbelief that the United States could possibly furnish a quantity of charcoal iron capable of competing with Swedish irons in purity. The facts are, that until very recently, notably until after the establishment of the British Iron and Steel Institute, the English iron master was in profound ignorance not only of the American iron trade, but particularly of the production of charcoal irons with us, and the quality of the metal made. The history of the reception of the first shipments made this season, as given us from private letters from parties conversant with the matter, is as follows: The first lots were disposed of with difficulty, as was perfectly natural, in ten ton samples as "flyers," to use brokers' parlance. The first, or nearly so, if we remember aright, went to an agricultural machine works for admixture. This order was supplemented by others for more of the same iron, and the Liverpool brokers and iron merchants were besieged with correspondence as to quality, price, etc., of the new iron. Subsequent shipments resulted in a better reception, and the uses of American iron possessing good chilling properties was to a certain extent adopted for certain castings, while some of it found its way to the crucible steel works. So far as we are informed no attempt has yet been made in any instance to adopt our iron for car wheels, nor, despite the recommendation of numerous influential journals, is there any progress toward the introduction of the American form of chilled iron car wheel. Should, indeed, such occur, it is more than probable that the experience of the American wheel founders will be taken advantage of, and the finished product imported from the United States at better prices than the wheels could be made in England from American pig. Hence we may not look for any immediate market for charcoal irons in England for wheel purposes. The question of profit, however, has been tolerably well settled in that equally as good prices are obtainable in Great Britain for our Southern charcoal irons as in the home markets, and the probability of a fairly active demand steadily increasing as the merits of the metal become known. Such is the condition of the present charcoal iron trade with England. In various articles, published from time to time previously, we endeavored to contribute to this precise result, and in so doing accomplished what has not hitherto been done, viz., to obtain reliable information as to actual costs of production in the South and Southwest. From the very interesting, graphic and statistical correspondence furnished us on "Charcoal Iron Making in the South," which have been running through our columns for a series of weeks, it appears clearly that charcoal and coke irons are made in that section of the country which, providing the ores are of sufficient purity to insure good quality, can be shipped abroad at a profit unless some extreme advance of freights should take place. The latter is unlikely to affect Southern ports, however, as pig metal can always be supplied under cotton cargoes at low rates. The policy of extending this trade is clearly manifest, as it gives an outlet to a large proportion of our product which would at present otherwise be uncalled for, and also furnishes a substitute for grain exports, which would produce smaller returns or never be made at all.

Whether our export trade will be limited to charcoal irons, or whether we can expect to build up a trade in other grades of pig metal after the wedge is once entered and a trade fairly established with foreign markets, we cannot now predict. We can no doubt make iron which could be used with advantage and profit in European foundries and mills, but whether we can export them or not depends upon the cost of making them in this country. That the present is an inauspicious time to attempt any such exportation is clearly evident, but with any improvement in the English iron market it is quite within the range of possibilities. Against ordinary pig irons the only possibility of competition would be in strength, and in this American irons are far ahead of English, so far, indeed, as not to be considered in the same category. American pig iron has stood a test of 20,000 lbs. to the square inch, as in the case of anthracite iron made by the Powhatan Iron Company, of Richmond, Virginia, while from 1600 to 2000 lbs. less may be considered an average of first-class coke or anthracite irons, charcoal ruling higher.

We have not at hand tests of English iron, but from specimens of ship plates left here from repairs to Clyde built ships it is quite evident that the pig from which this had been made could never have approached in strength the figures given. If we can make our irons cheap enough we shall undoubtedly be able to sell them for special uses in foreign markets; if we cannot, it is idle to hope of exporting them, however good they may be.

The Lead Markets.

About six weeks ago the European lead markets, under the stimulus of a demand incident to the menace of war, experienced a sudden upward movement, while this market remained dull and stagnant, with little prospect of a speedy improvement.

Since then the relative position of the markets of both continents has undergone a radical change. In Europe, since the apprehensions of political complications have been allayed, the price has been steadily tending downward, while here more extensive purchases for *bona fide* consumption have followed closely upon a slack spring demand preparatory to an active fall trade. It will be remembered from former statistics of ours that the world's normal lead production sums up something like 300,000 tons, toward which England contributes 70,000; Spain, 67,000; Germany, 49,000; the United States, 46,500; Italy, 23,000; France, 17,000 (mostly from Spanish ores); while the remaining countries furnish 27,500. Thus, of the larger producers France turned out the least, and even this little was in the main derived from the neighboring Peninsula. Yet France has at all times been one of the largest consumers, and its dependence on other countries for a supply has been anything but a comfortable fact in the appreciation of the French people. The subject has engaged the attention of Frenchmen, and some long abandoned lead mines of Brittany of unusual richness are now to be made to yield some good returns. Mining operations near St. Brieuc were commenced by the ancients, who carried on their works on an extensive scale, though, of course, in a very imperfect manner. The works were partially resumed about eight or ten years since, when a steam engine was erected, the shafts and levels cleared and repaired, and about 60 tons of ore sold, some of which realized at Swansea over £37 per ton. The proprietors, however, became involved in the panic of 1866, the works were abandoned on the eve of success, and the mine allowed to fill with water. Some two years ago another attempt to re-open the mine was made, and some 60 tons of ore were raised and sold, which satisfied those concerned that the property was worth energetic development.

Other mines in the same locality seem no less important; the Bouxieres yielding 60 ounces of silver and 70 per cent. lead; the Plouvara, more recently discovered, ranging from 80 to 80 ounces silver and 40 to 70 per cent. lead; the La Ville Alhen, from 60 to 130 ounces silver and between 55 and 78 per cent. lead; the Rue Bourgeois Mine, from 60 to 300 ounces silver and 50 per cent. lead. At the La Ville Alhen mine operations were suspended during the revolution of 1790, after having been successfully carried on for about 25 years. Now that the French seem to bestow more energy than ever before on the development of domestic resources, and strikingly deficient as the country is in lead production, it is to be presumed that the reusucitation of this important industry will be taken in hand most vigorously, and that there will be no lack of capital to produce the desired results.

In Spain mining operations are in full blast in the rich province of Andalusia, and the output has been unusually ample since the commencement of the year. Prices have, in consequence, been gradually receding in the leading markets of Europe, and unless a decidedly favorable change takes place in the demand there for industrial purposes, which, at latest dates, remained slack, still lower figures may be reached on the other side.

In this country lead is in a much better position than it has been for a year past. During the summer of 1874 the government suddenly resolved to clear out its available supplies, at a time when we were yet suffering from the effects of the panic. The government surplus is now very high exhausted, and the sales of the Quartermasters' Department will no longer disturb the market. This year the spring business in lead has, it is true, also been a disappointment, causing prices to remain at a low range. But for the fall campaign a more flattering prospect opens, since it has been ascertained that the supply in the hands of both dealers and consumers has been allowed to run low. In order to at least partially meet these growing wants, a more extensive movement took place last week, and

with it a more promising outlook seems to have been obtained. It will now remain to be seen to what extent the anticipated briskness in August will confirm the views entertained by these early purchasers, and on it will mainly depend the course of values until winter.

Car Building Practice.

In its external appearance the American passenger car gives very little indication of its structure, even to the most careful observer, unless he has some knowledge of the art of car building. Timber and framing are all carefully covered, and, with the exceptions of the truss plank inside and the truss rods beneath the body, there is nothing to indicate either weakness or strength. The chief strains to which a car body is subjected are those of "buffing," or blows in the direction of the length. These are so severe as to almost deserve to rank as collisions; yet they are unavoidable in modern railway practice. As these strains are not only the most severe, but the most frequent, and, at the same time, by far the most disastrous in their results, it is necessary that a well constructed car should have an abundance of strength to resist them. The resistance to buffing is furnished entirely by the floor framing. This framing consists of from six to eight timbers of hard or Southern pine, running from end to end of the car, and framed into two strong end-sills. These sills in ordinary work are from 8 inches upward in depth, and from 3½ to 6 inches wide—those outside being largest, the middle or center sills next, and the intermediate sills the smallest. The sizes vary considerably, according to the length and style of the car. The total area of the longitudinal timbers generally amounting to something more than 160 square inches. The end sills are very heavy hard pine timbers, as deep as the sills, firmly secured upon the ends of the longitudinal sills. Usually, when more than six sills are used, two are so placed as to form diagonal braces, giving the frame great power of resisting shocks or blows delivered upon the corners. The two center sills are placed quite near each other, and transmit from end to end any blow upon the end of the car. Near each end a heavy timber or iron truss, called a bolster, extends across beneath the floor frame, and is firmly secured to it. The under side of the floor frame is sheathed up, and upon the top are placed two layers of floor boards, usually at right angles. Some Master Car Builders add another floor, half way up between the timbers. These floors, solidly fastened to the timbers, give the whole mass of the framing great stiffness, while the whole is very light in proportion to its power of resistance. On the top of the side sills, and forming a base board in the finished car, is a heavy plank, usually about 12 inches deep and from 2½ to 3½ inches thick. This plank, set up on edge, is bolted down to the sill and secured to each post in the wall of the car by two heavy lag screws. These two planks, which commonly carry the inside ends of the seats in day cars, add very much to the strength and stiffness. In the wall of the car, below the window sills, a system of bracing similar to that employed in bridges, is used to aid in holding the body up. Beside this, there are from two to six truss rods used under the bottom of the car, to hold up the center of the body and prevent the ends from getting down. In the parts we have mentioned, we have the entire resisting power of a car. Its whole strength may be said to be below the window sill. Above this point the car is a mere protection from the weather and a shield to prevent injury in case the car turns over. From this it will be seen that the top of the car needs but little strength above that required for sustaining its own weight and maintaining its position. In our best cars the roof is treated as a simple covering, and carlins and ribs (timbers of the roof) are as light as can be safely used for driving nails into, while roof boards are but little heavier than is necessary to sustain a man walking over them. On some roads the roof boards are secured by screws, and the parts are made lighter in proportion. Between each pair of windows are two posts, rising from the sill and extending upward to the eaves of the car. These are almost universally of ash, preferably of the straightest and best that can be obtained. When examining a car in the frame, a person would be apt to exclaim against attempting to build it with such light timbers. It must be remembered, however, that after leaving the floor every ounce added to the weight of a car is so much taken from its strength, because above the floor nothing that we put in adds in any considerable degree to the stiffness or resisting power. In spite of these light timbers, our car when finished, can almost be compared to a well made cask, it is so strong and tough, and, aside from floor framing, so light. This object

is obtained by the panels with which the body is covered. The panels themselves are whitewood boards from one-half to three quarters of an inch in thickness. In a few cases we have known even thinner panels to be used. The panels which are put on to the body with screws, are bedded in white lead so as to get a perfect bearing, and when the lead hardens it adds greatly to the stiffness of the structure. Another plan of putting on panels is to use glue and nails, in which case the inside of the panel is "canvassed," or covered with a sort of open mesh burlaps, or coarse canvass. This is cut out considerably larger than the panel, so that when in place the edge of the canvass turns up, and is glued to the posts and other parts of the framing against which the panel may come. It is put on after the panel is in place. When the glue is dry the whole inside work of the frame receives a good coat of paint. A panel put on in this fashion is exceedingly tough, so that it is almost impossible to break through it by any ordinary violence. A sledge hammer is almost powerless against even a three-eighth inch panel, unless in the hands of an experienced man. The hammer will rebound from the surface with great violence, and the panel does not yield until repeated blows have splintered the wood and entirely destroyed the grain. This elasticity gives the body a power of resistance not to be obtained in any other way. The whole body becomes a unit, since the wood breaks before the canvass can be separated from the panels or posts. Inside, the panel work adds great stiffness when properly put up, as it is in large sections glued together and strongly secured to the posts, sometimes by glue, but commonly by screws.

The roof, in addition to its wooden frame, has usually several braces of wood and iron combined ("compound carlins," an iron carlin between two of wood), which run across from one wall to the other. At the ends these carlins are tied to the side sills by rods running down between the windows. Other tie rods cross the car, while joint bolts, bands at the corners, straps over weak places, and rods wherever they are needed, make the whole structure so strong that no ordinary amount of battering cannot injure it, beyond taking off the paint and ornamental battens. Even these, when put on, as is the practice now, are hardly ever injured. They are thin strips of iron used to cover the joints between the panels, and are secured fast. Such a car, thrown from the track at thirty miles an hour, may be dragged a long distance along the ballast, may roll down a bank, or, as has often happened within our knowledge, be tossed off the track, landing on its roof beyond the railway fence in a field, and yet sustain no serious damage. Here we may remark that generally when people in such a car have the presence of mind to grasp the front edge of the seat and hold themselves firmly in their places, there is little danger of their getting hurt.

In mounting the body of a car upon its trucks, one point is of great importance, and that is the check chains. These are chains, usually one at each corner, which, while they allow the truck to turn sufficiently to pass any ordinary curves, will not allow it to turn at any considerable angle with the body. In a run off, the check chains, when properly secured, keep the trucks in line, and the car will not readily get across the track, nor will there be much danger of a wreck, because the train can generally be stopped in time to save it.

In comparing a car constructed on this system with a car of the kind commonly employed on English and Continental roads, it is obvious that the former has vastly the advantage in the matter of strength. When an American passenger car jumps the track, is tossed about and stood on its head—so to speak—the only injury to passengers, under ordinary circumstances, results from their being rolled about inside—stood on their heads, in fact. When a similar accident happens on an English road, panels, doors, running gear, sole plates, horn plates, roofs, broken glass and passengers are usually ground up together, and suffer about equal damage. On the 12th of last month the New York and Boston express train was thrown from the track by running over a horse at a crossing. Two sleeping cars were thrown from the track, and the first fell in a position at right angles to the rails. The other one turned over on its side tearing away a depot platform. The shock was terrific, but the damage done to the cars can be estimated from the fact that it was necessary to break the windows with handspikes in order to get the passengers out, none of whom were killed or very seriously hurt. An English car under such circumstances would have been broken into countless fragments, and those among the passengers who escaped alive would prob-

aby have been killed with excitement. As examples we refer to the Wigan and Shipton accidents.

Service Pipes.

The question of best material for service pipes is one of the most important that is met with in discussing the methods of plumbing; and it is becoming of greater and greater importance as the introduction of water works goes on. Almost every town in the country of any considerable size, has its water works, and, of necessity, the greater portion of dwellings and stores in them receive their supplies of water from the street mains. If health was in no way concerned, the matter would be a very simple one, for the lead pipe, taken all in all, would probably be the one universally preferred. Lead, from the facility with which it is bent and worked into shape, when cold, has been in all ages the favorite metal with plumbers. In fact, the name of the trade is derived from the Latin name for the metal, *plumbum*, and the plumbers were really lead workers.

With the exception of ease of working, however, lead would hardly have sufficient advantages to make one choose it as a material for a service pipe. Lead pipe is, under many circumstances, durable, easily handled and reasonably cheap; but it is weak and heavy, and is attacked by certain kinds of water, so that the pipe is quickly destroyed and the water flowing through it is poisoned. In other kinds of water it is harmless, exhibits a wonderful durability, and, except for its weakness, would be a very perfect pipe. But its very ductility is sometimes against it, because in long lines of straight pipe the metal is constantly stretched by the cold, and in warm weather the heat expands the metal and lays it up into waves or folds, as the case may be.

In the attempt to find something better than lead as a material for service pipes, block tin has been largely used, but with only moderate success. We use the term service pipe for convenience, to cover the whole service system for the distribution of water in a house. The tin melting at a comparatively low temperature (421° Fahr.) makes its use somewhat more difficult. It is harder than lead, yet, being less ductile, it does not work as well, and a job is not as easily executed with it as with lead. In some kinds of water the tin is rapidly corroded. Instances have come under our notice in which a pipe has been rendered useless in the course of a few years by having holes eaten through it. This was the ordinary block tin of commerce. Fortunately, the salts produced by the action of the water upon tin are not poisonous, and though the pipe may be destroyed, the health of those using the water is not thereby endangered. Tin, however, as a material by itself for service pipes, is hardly to be recommended, for, though it is safe, there are too many mechanical objections to it to make it a favorite with either plumbers or builders.

Tin-lined lead pipe has, within a few years, been very extensively used, and in many instances given great satisfaction. As now made, the interior coating is perfect, and if the joints are made as they should be, there is not the least trouble in regard to them. If, however, this pipe is worked in the same manner as lead, serious difficulties will be found. When well put up, there is little trouble. The lining is liable to be corroded by waters that attack block tin pipes. There is no trouble in making good joints by means of the tinned brass ferrule supplied by the manufacturers, but plumbers will not use them, preferring the solder joint, upon which they can overcharge without exciting suspicion. As the consequence, joints in tin-lined lead pipe are not, as the rule, well made.

Iron has been employed for service pipes in houses, with a good degree of success, but the danger of iron rust upon washed white fabrics, and the rapid decay of the pipe, makes it undesirable. The water coming through iron is not considered in any way injurious, even when a perceptible amount of the metal is present. The low price of drawn iron tubes, their great strength, and the ease with which they are put up, make them very desirable, provided they can be rendered durable by protection from rust. Galvanized iron pipes have been in the market many years, and of their utterly bad character for service pipes we have frequently spoken at length. In many cases the iron, imperfectly covered by zinc, is more rapidly eaten away than it would be if left entirely unprotected. In a great variety of waters used for the supply of towns, zinc is rapidly corroded, and the resulting zinc salts are highly poisonous. Many efforts have been directed toward tinning iron pipes, but serious obstacles in the way have prevented any successful application of tinning. The outside of the pipe could be very nicely coated, when desired, but on the inside ex-

posed portions were sure to be left, or, the coating would be so thin as to allow the water to penetrate to the iron, and begin the work of corrosion when the thin film of tin would be displaced, and the iron beneath exposed. In this case the objection was a commercial one. The pipe was too rapidly destroyed to be used economically. Much has recently been said in regard to glass lined iron pipe, and, at first sight, the glass lining seems to be a very good thing, but there are several serious objections to its use. The glass is brittle, and in screwing the lengths home the twist of the pipe is likely to break the glass. Plumbers urge the difficulty and danger of handling iron pipe containing a brittle glass lining. They also state that the pipe cannot be conveniently cut to length, and hence is unsuitable for their work. There are certainly a great many chances against a common workman making a perfect job with a material of this character. We do not know how the glass would stand hot water, but we fear that it would soon be destroyed by unequal expansion. Theoretically, glass lined pipe is very good, but practically it is, we fear, utterly impracticable. Tar has been very successfully used for lining large cast iron pipes, and has been proposed for service pipes, but does not seem to have worked well in them.

The most promising thing that has come under our notice is the protection of an iron pipe by the insertion of a thin tin pipe inside of it. The tin pipe is drawn very thin, and of such a size that it can be pushed inside of the iron pipe. Hydraulic pressure is then applied to the inside of the tin pipe, which is expanded so as to firmly fit the inside of the iron pipe. The tin has a sufficient thickness to make the lining perfect. In cutting the pipe a drop of solder is run around the end to cover the iron. Tin and brass ferrules are also made to go in the joints, so that when the end of a pipe is screwed into a coupling the iron is completely protected by the tin. The quarter turns and couplings are of iron tinned in the ordinary manner, and being of small size, there will be no difficulty in giving them a perfect coating. In protecting the end of a pipe that is to go into a coupling or quarter-turn, there are a variety of ways to be employed. We have cut pipe and left enough of the tin projecting to turn smoothly over the end of the pipe and cover it completely, which is better than the solder. In cutting the pipes it is best to use a special tool, and take a little care, but the time needed is no greater, if as great, as with the commoner tool. It has not yet been in service a sufficient time to enable us to give an opinion in regard to it, the first lot having been put up but two years since. It has stood this service well, and seems in good condition now. For convenience of putting up and in first cost there seems little to be desired. The matter is one of great interest and importance to our readers, and we shall watch its progress very carefully. From what we have seen and learned of it, we think it may be pronounced an important step in the direction of progress, giving us what we have never had before, a theoretically and practically perfect service pipe at a moderate price.

A respected correspondent writes to us as follows: "Can you not, in your paper, 'impress the pig iron makers with the necessity of blowing out their furnaces, as the only remedy for an over production.' We are always glad to present such facts to our readers as will aid them in forming correct opinions as to the future of the iron market and the policy most profitable for them to follow. We cannot, however, undertake to impress them with the necessity for anything, except caution, good judgment and close economy. It may be assumed that the owner of a furnace knows better than any one else whether it is best for him to continue it in operation or to blow out. If he does not, it is not probable he would take any advice or be influenced by any arguments. The Iron and Steel Association made an effort last year to decrease production by an agreement among furnace owners, but it was found impossible to induce any considerable proportion of them to sign an agreement, and the attempt was abandoned. We do not wish to repeat the unsuccessful experiment; furthermore, we do not believe it is our duty at this time to advise the blowing out of any stacks which the owners can afford to keep at work. The effort to avoid loss will prove a constant incentive to close and intelligent economy, and under such conditions as those now affecting the trade, furnace managers will learn more about making cheap iron in six months than they would be likely to learn in six years of great and uninterrupted prosperity. We believe that many and important contributions are now making to the metallurgy of iron, and that when prosperity returns, bringing an increased con-

sumptive demand for pig, we shall be in a better position to take advantage of it than ever before. There is no reason why iron should not be made in this country at an average cost below the average selling price of the past twenty years, and the experiences through which we are now passing are well calculated to teach us how to make iron cheaply and at the same time profitably.

Coal and Iron in the United States.

Notes of a Visit to Coal and Iron Mines and Iron Works in the United States.

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(Continued.)

It is not needful to describe, at any great length, the line of conduct pursued by the proprietors of iron ore mines. In principle it was the same as that of the coal owners, but, in some instances, it was of aggravated intensity. In these, the means of supply were in very few hands, and, in one case, those who controlled it have preferred seeing furnace after furnace extinguished rather than bring the resources of their property to market at a reduced price.

To show the combined effect of the influence as just related on the cost of production, I will give the expense of making a ton of pig iron at three different periods, obtained from a source I regard as entirely trustworthy. The first series of figures is for 1860, when the iron market was very quiet; the second is for 1871, the year preceding the period of great excitement; and the third is what it rose to in 1873, when extravagant profits were realized, and at which it is, unfortunately for the furnace owner, continuing at, long after profits of any kind can be counted upon:

	1860.	1871.	1873.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coal, ore and lime	1 15 9	2 19 8	3 17 7
Labor	0 6 6	0 9 9	0 10 4
Stores and other expenses	0 5 6	0 8 6	0 10 8
	£2 7 9	£3 18 0	£4 18 7

I may add that these figures are entirely confirmed by the information I received all through the Northern States, viz., that within a dozen years, the cost of pig iron had doubled, and further, that it could not be sold at the present time without entailing a loss to the producer.

From the maker of an article entering so largely into human requirements as iron, I was anxious to turn to hear how the consumer regarded the network which had been woven about him and which appeared to me, of necessity, to cripple his action. I accordingly addressed myself to the largest consumers—viz., the directors of railways and locomotive engine builders, believing that they could have no wish to have the cost of their rails or boiler plates increased by the payment of a tax to the State.

In this expectation I was disappointed, both declaring that, in their opinion, high wages enabled the working classes to move more freely about, and thus added to the general prosperity of railway companies and engineers. Now, undoubtedly, so far as cutting coal and puddling iron are concerned, the system pursued has been singularly successful, the operatives in both these branches having been able to earn from 20 to 30 per day during the year 1873. But it cannot be pretended that every branch of labor has to be similarly paid. The railway director cannot desire to excavate his line, cut his sleepers, man his stations, and run his trains with wages based upon such a scale of pay.

Another advantage these protective duties were alleged as possessing was the contribution they afford to the revenue of the State; in other words, in the case of iron, that they who use most of this metal pay more than their share of the national expenses. This argument, however, is perhaps the weakest of all when it comes from the mouth of an iron master, because his object in asking for a high tariff is not to pour money into the national treasury, but to retard this to its smallest amount by reducing the quantity of iron upon which the duties are levied to its lowest possible figure. In short, the iron manufacturer seeks to avoid foreign competition by excluding its importation entirely.

Leaving, however, the question as to whether an industry, having to contend with disadvantages peculiar to itself, is entitled to receive from the State any protection of the description just mentioned, let us briefly consider whether, in the case of the United States, this protection is in reality required in the manufacture of iron.

The supposed disadvantages in the case of the United States may be considered as arising either from dear labor or physical impediments connected with procuring or bringing together the raw materials, added to difficulties in sending the produce to market.

In the *Iron Age* of 23d October of last year, an allusion was made to a paper published in the *Iron Age* of 23d October of last year, as its name would indicate, with the metallurgy of iron, is an article entitled "Why England Suffers from Foreign Competition."

The chief reason why we suffer, according to this authority, is, that we are no longer able to command what the writer designates as "pauper labor," and this so-called pauper labor has caused British manufacturers to neglect keeping pace with the progress of the times, which neglect has led to our overlooking to afford any "encouragement to inventive talent to devise labor-saving machinery."

If this language is intended for the British manufacturers of iron, its author must be but imperfectly acquainted with the real circumstances of the case, for, in his comparison, he draws a distinction between the Continent of Europe and our own island. When I say that the rates of wages are at the present moment, and in last October were, and always have been, much higher with us than in any iron making center on the Continent, I am merely stating a fact which has been remarked and commented on by every writer on the subject for the last 25 years. To the statement that "labor saving machinery" has been neglected, I have only to observe that the extent to which, in spite of higher wages, we reduce our expenses of manufacturing to the level of the cost of our neighbors, has been the subject of admiration to every Continental iron master who has visited our furnaces and mills. Indeed, and this, perhaps, will carry more weight with *The Iron Age* than French or German approbation, some of my American friends have considered it expedient to introduce in the most recently erected blast furnaces some admirable lessons they generously admitted they had learnt in England.

It is, however, a fact, and anti-free trade

* Paper read before the Iron and Steel Institute.

apostles would do well to remember it, that our commercial policy has had an effect upon the state of affairs with our immediate neighbors. Our large importations of food have conducted to a rise in its value abroad, and, as a result, wages there, from this as well as other causes, have, during recent years, been gradually advancing. In like manner, the great inducements which the American iron masters held out to emigration from this country have produced a sensible effect upon the cost of labor with us. Pig iron, at ten pounds a ton, no doubt affords an immense margin in this respect, but as soon as commerce is made fully sensible of this heavy load, the demand falls off, and the current of emigration is arrested—indeed, it may be said, is reversed, for a certain number of workmen are returning from America to their native country.

Of course, it is possible, as it is proper, that the United States should enter into the market and bid against ourselves for labor; that they will do, without any regard for our "sufferings from foreign competition?" but that they should do this, and then require that their own people should submit to a heavy tax, in order that they might pay extravagant rates of wages, will be regarded by us, as it is by very many among themselves, as a piece of very questionable policy.

Admitting for a moment the expediency of encouraging the introduction of a new manufacture, or even of discouraging external competition by the levying of import duties, so as to place both on a position of equality, is the iron trade of the United States entitled to such a position? The mineral resources of that country are of unquestionable extent, but so are our own, and they will remain so for centuries to come. With labor on anything like equal terms, it is a physical impossibility that iron can be made more cheaply in the United States than it can in England. For this labor the iron makers there can and will bid with ourselves, but they pursue this course to their own disadvantage. I would ask those who are disposed to deny the justice of this statement, to reconcile the position of the iron master there of a dozen years ago, who carried on, at all events, a moderately successful trade, with pigs at not much above half the price of the present day. Since that time the science of iron making has made considerable progress, and, notwithstanding, the cost of production has more than doubled, owing either to the immense increase in the price of labor, or to these artificial barriers to commercial progress to which allusion has already been made.

If my information, as to former cost be correct, then I say that it is not accurate that no British maker at that time could compete, looking at the charge for freight he would have to meet before he laid down his ton of iron alongside that manufactured by the American iron master.

If the truth of these statements is conceded, the Lehigh furnace owners ought to be able, with their natural facilities, and with labor at some increase on its former cost, to meet us in New York upon more than equal terms, while those of the Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Hanging Rock, and other Western regions, can hold their ground successfully against us, by virtue of the land carriage which, in addition to that by sea, we must incur before we can deliver our iron at their doors.

So far I am taking no account of the comparatively undeveloped resources of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, which will, as I have already indicated, prove a match for any part of the world in the production of cheap iron, and this brings me to considering upon what principle a protective duty on the importation of iron into America has to be levied. Has it to be in amount sufficient to protect the puddler, who received, in 1860, 12/3 per ton for his work, or must it be raised so that he may continue in the receipt of nearly three times this price; or has it to be regulated by the inability of the furnace owner to meet competition with pig iron under £5 a ton, although he himself, a dozen years ago, could make it for 50/-, there being nothing in the powers of supply of coal or ore to account for the change? We are not, indeed, compelled, for the purposes of this argument, to compare the present with former times, for there seems every reason for believing that pig iron can now be laid down in the Southern States mentioned above at little above one-half the cost of that made in the North. Has the consumer in Alabama or Tennessee to pay for his metal, made at 50/-, £5 or £6 a ton, because the smelter elsewhere, owing, as I think, to artificial reasons, cannot afford to sell it without loss at a lower price.

Notwithstanding, however, the protestations in favor of the system of protective duty, there seems to dwell in the minds of its adherents a suspicion that the reverse may, after all, be more sound in principle. Whether I am correct in this supposition or not, our friends of the Western Hemisphere, if not admirers of our commercial freedom, are not unwilling to avail themselves of its advantages.

Annually the American Iron and Steel Association sends out a report, giving ample and very valuable information connected with the position of affairs affecting these trades. That for last year has just been issued, and it contains abundant proof of the ability and assiduity of the courteous secretary of that body, and marked by both these attributes is his advocacy of protection to the native industry of his own land. I gather, however, from his remarks, that our native industry may safely be left to take care of itself.

As we all know, there are several works in the West Riding of York employed chiefly in the manufacture of the finer kinds of wrought iron, particularly that used for railway carriage wheels. In America the material used for this purpose is cold blast charcoal pig iron, and a document, quoted by the American Iron Masters' secretary, congratulates the trade on the fact of 100 tons of this pig iron having been sent here in the hope of displacing the native make of our Yorkshire friends. Nay, so intent is the authority quoted in the "Report" to undertake every office connected with the introduction of "car wheel iron" into England, that he appears not to be willing to rest satisfied until the whole of these requirements of this commodity is conveyed to our shores in American vessels.

We will promise no impediment to the realization of these wishes. We use American oak, though we have heard of British, in constructing our railway carriages, because it suits our convenience. For the same reason, the carriages may run on wheels of American or wheel iron, if it is better than Yorkshire brands, and we have no intention of refusing either oak or iron, even if they are brought to us in vessels carrying the American flag.

Among the best signs of a nation's power and proficiency in manufacturing science and skill, is the position it is able to assume in exchanging those commodities, natural and otherwise, which circumstances have placed within its reach for those in the production of which other countries possess superior advantages. It is, therefore, with very justifiable pleasure that the Secretary of the American Association calls attention to the increase of exports as exhibited by the custom house returns of the United States, and particularly by those in which iron and steel enter largely.

This gentleman, however, is too cute not to see that after asserting that the American iron masters require for their very existence a high protective duty to be levied on British iron, there is a little inconsistency in their being able to export locomotive engines in competition

with British manufacturers, and this inconsistency is rendered the more conspicuous when we are told that these very locomotives pass our shores on their way to St. Petersburg, the place of their destination. And how is this apparently unsurmountable difficulty accoured for? The high tariff of the United States gets the credit for it. High prices enable the American ironmasters and machine makers to pay high wages, which has so fostered the inventive genius of our relations across the water, that the economy with which they can construct machinery, and its excellence when constructed, render them able successfully to compete with the old country.

No one can deny the existence of great ingenuity on the part of the American mechanicians, and I deemed it simple justice to place their achievements as a worthy continuation of what had been effected in this country by their ancestors, and pursued since by their cousins.

Admitting, however, the truth of the language of the report, let us see where it lands us. A locomotive manufacturer, say in Philadelphia, receives into his establishment dearer iron and dearer steel than does a house, say, in Newcastle-on-Tyne. By dearer labor, but with greater skill, out of these he builds his engine, pays a higher freight, and undersells our Stephenson's and our Hawthorn's, in St. Petersburg.

I have described to you beds of coal and mountains of ore, as they exist in America, which the world itself may be challenged to beat. Are the iron consumers of that great country, not we, entitled to ask that a portion of that ingenuity which enables one of their locomotive engine builders, under considerable disadvantages, to compete with us, should be applied to the manufacture of iron? which manufacture commences under natural conditions, to say the least of them, equal to those possessed by ourselves.

We are further informed by the document I am considering, that no humane and patriotic American wishes his men to work for low wages. I cannot say that I gained, during my visit, any clear idea of what is meant in the abstract by low wages, but I can safely assert that in discussing the labor question in America, I could not detect any difference between the sentiments expressed by the ironmasters on the two sides of the Atlantic. That there is a limit even to the liberality of our American colleagues, I presume will not be denied, otherwise, how can we account for a nine months' strike among the puddlers at Pittsburgh, when it was proposed to reduce the price from 34/- to 30/- per ton, or for the presence of an armed force among the anthracite pits at Hazleton, to keep the miners quiet, while, in the matter of a proposed reduction of wages, do not seem to agree with what is just, not to say liberal, on the part of their employers.

The report condemns, to some extent, the adoption of improvements rendered necessary by the progress of the day. "As well ask," it continues, "the owner of a square piano to destroy it, because it is not a grand piano." Perhaps, so long as the musician plays for his own amusement, no one would find fault with his holding by his old fashioned instruments, but to compel an audience to pay and listen to inferior music, when better was to be had, would be an argument addressed to unwilling ears.

After all, however, the current which will compel the remodeling of iron works needs no foreign country to set it in motion in the United States. The enlarged furnaces erected in its different localities, and the admirable improvements effected by Holley and Fritz in rolling mills and Bessemer plant, will have their effect on those to whom circumstances render advance a matter of difficulty. It may be that "the policy which crushes the weak and exalts the strong" is not desired by the former, but it is an inevitable one in the history of industry.

In a political point of view no argument can be as I believe none will be, advanced by the North against the development of the iron resources of the Southern States, and yet it is by no means impossible that some less favorably situated works in the former may suffer more by the competition which, before long, may spring up nearer home, than from any that we, in this country, are able to offer.

It is not, however, needed that we should seek, on our side of the Atlantic, for what to me seems sounder doctrine than that propounded by the Secretary of the American Iron and Steel Association, for these are the words of the president himself of that body in his last annual address, delivered on 11th of February of this year:

"Now is the opportunity to prepare for new efforts. Old processes must yield to better ones. Old machinery must be pulled down and better devices substituted. Intelligent economy must now be the order of the day, and our old method of puddling and rolling and heating must undergo a thorough examination and revision. If the Danks' furnace has not come up to what it promised, our inventive powers must be called into action to supply its defects or supplement it with something better. The Siemens and Ponsard heating furnaces, wherever used, have given better and more economical results than the old style of furnaces, &c."

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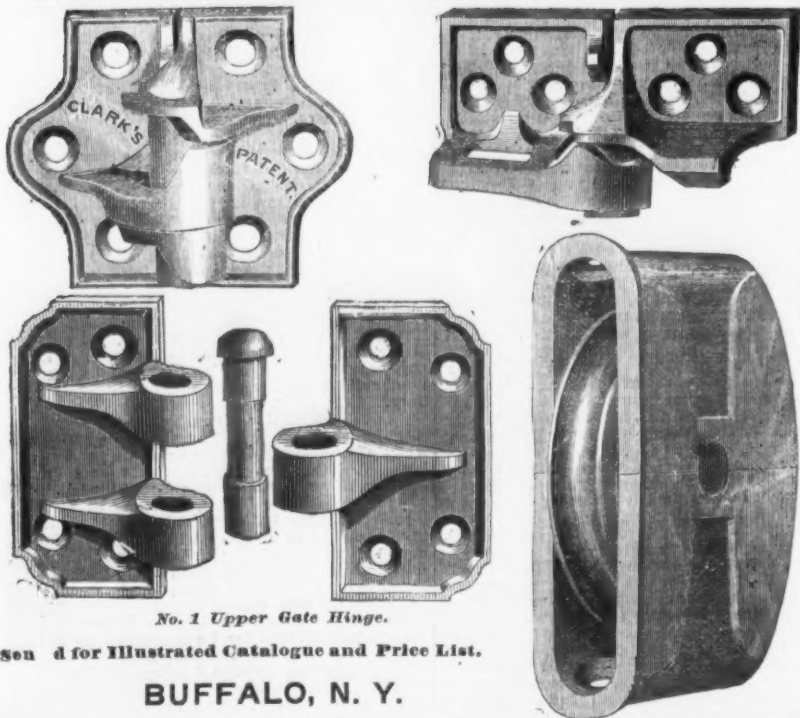
The first of these sentiments will, I am sure, meet with a ready and warm response in the breast of every member of the Iron and Steel Institute of this empire, and I would offer my judgment, for as much as it may be worth, in assuring you of the entire truth of the second aspiration of my friend Mr. Reeve.

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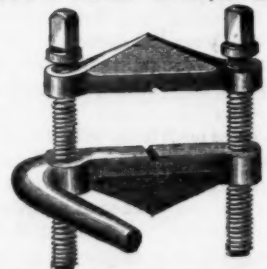
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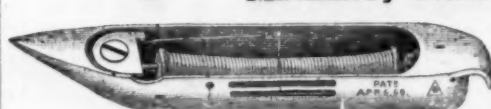


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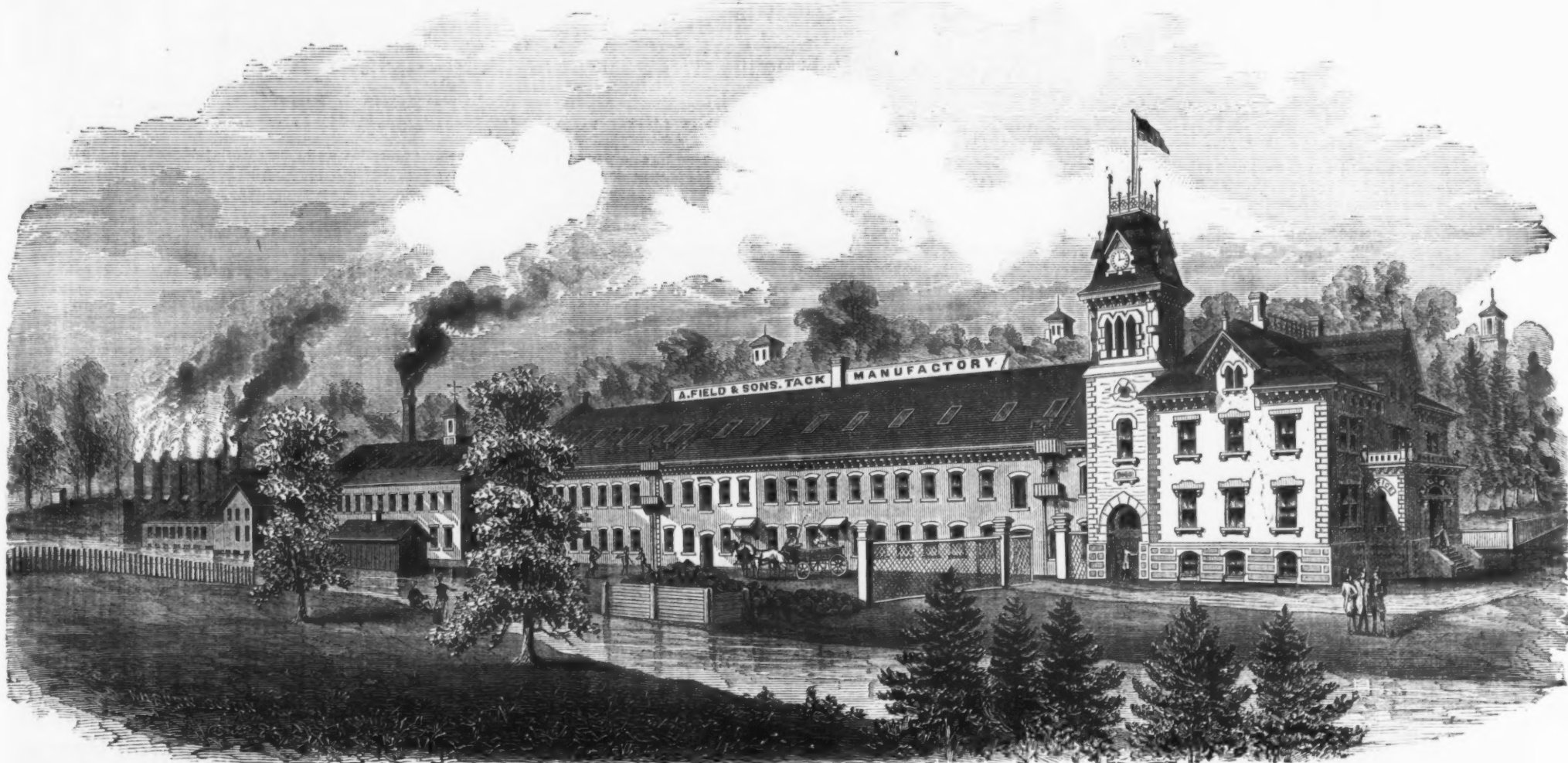
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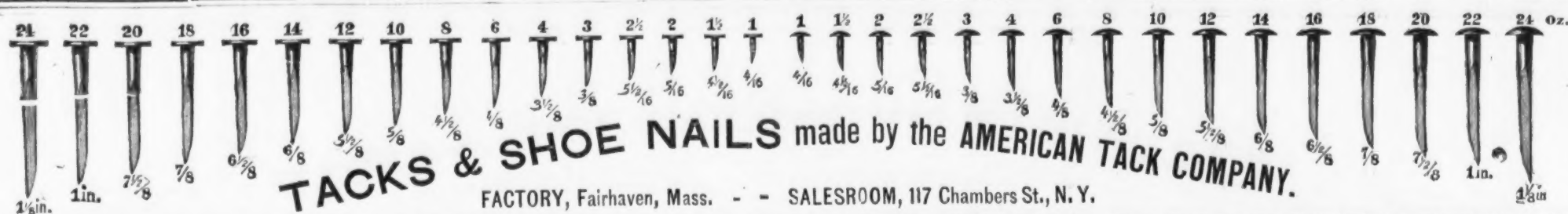
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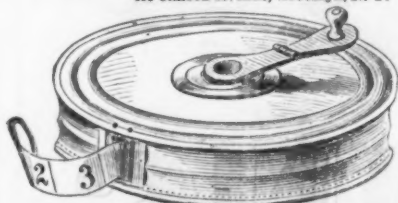


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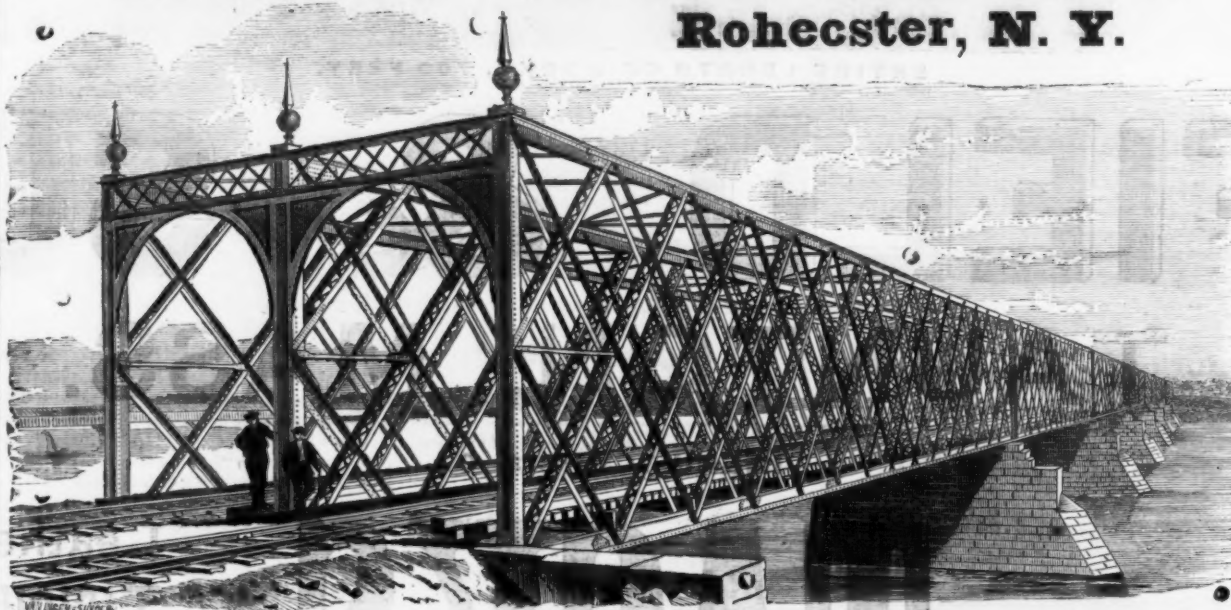
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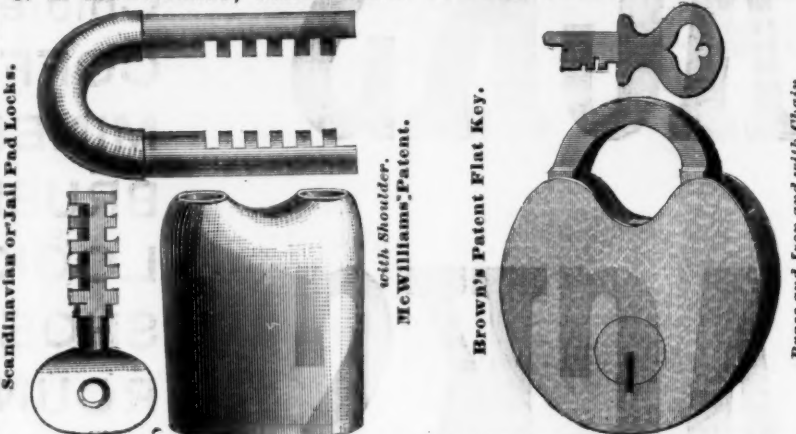
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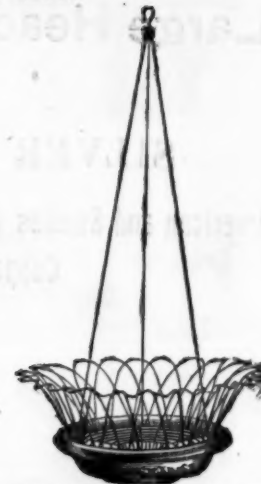
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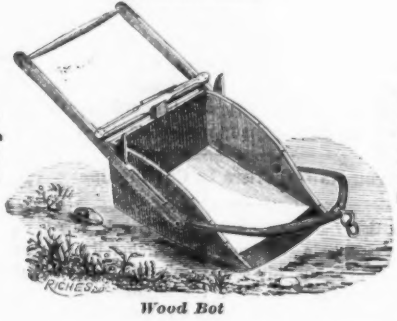
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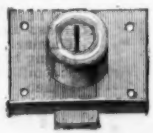
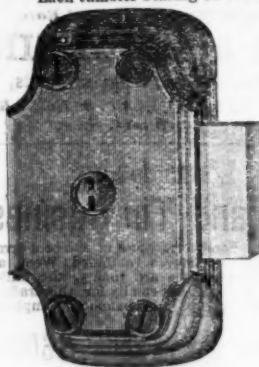
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Prof. J. E. Clayton says: Before man learned to mine and work the metals, he had to depend upon the use of implements made of stone, wood, bone, and horn, for weapons of defense and offense against the wild beast of the forest, and neighboring hostile tribes. For long ages the early races of men knew nothing of metals. Stone hatchets, stone knives, and articles of bone and horn are found in abundance in the old drift deposits of Europe and America, but no traces of any metallic implements in the early haunts of primeval man.

The first step in the advancement of the human race was made when native copper (and perhaps silver) was discovered, and came into use for weapons and domestic purposes. The tribes that first used copper were able to overpower their neighbors on account of the superiority of their class of arms for destruction, and it is fair to presume that the localities from which copper was derived were guarded with jealous care to prevent their neighbors from supplying themselves with like materials.

The Aztecs and Peruvians carried the manufacture of bronze to great perfection; their chisels and other implements for cutting stone, are unsurpassed in hardness and durability by any metals of the present day.

The art of making copper tools, and giving them hardness equal to the finest steel, was known to them, but it has been lost in the destruction of those nations by the so-called Christian Spaniards.

The civilization of the Montezumas and Incas was confined within the limits of the supply of copper and bronze. There was not enough of these metals obtained to allow their universal use by the masses, hence they remained in comparative ignorance and poverty.

The mechanical arts, so far as they could be developed by this limited supply, were confined to a class, and they, as usual in such cases, were under the control of the priests and rulers of their respective countries.

The nations of the Eastern continents had made much greater advances in the discoveries and uses of other metals than those of the Western. The art of reducing iron from its ores and working it into all kinds of shapes and forms for use gave a much wider field for the development of mechanical arts among the masses. Its great abundance and universal distribution, and the ease with which it could be wrought into useful forms, gave an impulse to mechanical industries, and manufactures which had been unknown to man before iron began to supplant copper, bronze, and brass implements. By a careful study of the early civilization of different races, in all parts of the world, we discover that such civilization was always limited by the supply of useful metals and their knowledge of working them into useful forms.

Those nations and races of men who have

learned to mine and work useful metals have become powerful, have subdued their less fortunate neighbors, have collected the wealth of surrounding tribes, and made them tributary to their growth and power. The miners and metal workers in time became masters of the world, and in the higher sense they are masters of the world to-day. In brief, a careful reading of the history of civilization will show that those nations that learned to mine and work metals became civilized, wealthy, and powerful, while those races that never established mining industries and the manufacture of metallic articles have always been savages, and are savages to-day. The conclusion, therefore, is inevitable that mining, as an industry, is the oldest known to our race, and that it has been as it is now, the foundation of the whole structure of civilization, the chief element of progress, and basis upon which all other industries rest.

Extraordinary Specimen of American Sheet Iron.

There is now being shown in the Birmingham district an extraordinary specimen of iron-making in the United States. It is a portion of a sheet of very thin iron, so thin that though its surface dimensions are 4 in. by 3½ in., yet its weight is only 3½ grs. apothecaries' weight. The breath of the nostrils will drive it away almost as if it were the cinder of burned paper. The thinness is itself very surprising, but the extraordinary part of the matter is that the iron has been made from what the Americans term a "muck bar," obtained from a Danks' puddling furnace at Pittsburgh without being reworked. Thus, an extreme thinness of iron, which it is almost impossible to secure from the very best materials, worked and reworked many times over in the usual way, has been got from the iron in the state of crudeness in which it was found upon leaving a mechanical puddling furnace. It is assumed in this country that the iron has been made from the ordinary district pigs, and the specimen is deemed to demonstrate the great value of machine puddling as practiced by the producers of the iron. And the specimen has an important commercial as well as a scientific significance. There is to the iron makers here the disagreeable inference that if crude iron can be worked to such foil as is described, then that sheets of greater thickness, but still of a thinness that brings them to the narrowest gauge embraced in the sheets generally made in this country, and which realize very high prices, should be produced by the United States iron masters at figures so much below those at which alone latens and button iron, for instance, can be made in this country, that the Americans must be in a position to successfully compete with the British iron master for those kinds even in his home market. Men in the trade who have seen the specimen are expressing the belief that the American should be able

to compete with the English maker in the Antipodean-colonial, the Russian, and the Chinese markets, whither large consignments of British sheet-iron are constantly going.—(London) Mining Journal.

The Siren Fog Signal is described by Dr. Tyndall as beyond question the most powerful fog-signal which has hitherto been tried in England. The instrument is called a siren because the sound is produced by means of a disk, with twelve radial slits, being made to rotate in front of a fixed disk exactly similar. The moving disk revolves 2800 times a minute, and in each revolution there is, of course, 12 coincidences between the two disks; through the openings thus made steam or air at high pressure is allowed to pass, so that there are actually 12 times 2800 (or 33,600) puffs of steam or compressed air every minute. This causes a sound of very great power, which the cast iron trumpet, 30 feet in length, compresses to a certain extent; and the blast goes out as a sort of sound beam in the direction required. This siren was sent over to England by the American Light House Board, at the request of the Trinity Corporation, to be tried with other instruments in the recent experiments at South Foreland, and it has certainly beaten all the steam whistles, reed horns and guns that were tried with it. It was designed and manufactured by Mr. Brown, of Progress Works, New York. From a paper on the recent experiments to which we have referred, read on the 7th of May, by Vice Admiral Collinson, C. B., at the Royal United Service Institution, we learn that the Trinity House has already ordered a number of these instruments to be made with the view of establishing round the British coasts a complete chain of sound signals, to be used in foggy weather when light houses are of no avail. This siren can be heard in all sorts of weather at from two and a half to three miles, and in the Trinity House experiments was, on one favorable occasion, heard 16½ miles at sea.

The extensive coal fields in the Island of Saghalien, which was recently ceded by Japan to Russia, are to be worked by Russian engineers and miners, and it is intended to employ a large number of the convicts from Siberia.

The construction of a gun weighing 100 tons has been begun by Sir William Armstrong, in England. This gun is to be a muzzle loader, 17 inch bore, and if successful will be the most powerful weapon ever constructed.

Naval armaments are still in a transition state. It is asserted in England that the moment an 81 ton gun is fairly afloat, in a ship built to carry it and use it, the fate of sea-going armor clad vessels of the present type is sealed.

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The Watson Bridge Works Burned.

On the morning of Tuesday the building of the Watson Manufacturing Works, at Paterson, New Jersey, was nearly destroyed by fire. The building in which the fire originated was of brick, 50x60 feet front, and four stories high, built in the most substantial manner. It had two three-story extensions, 44x120 feet, and 51x148 feet. The other buildings, being separated from these, were saved.

The fire broke out on the third floor, in the angle of one of the wings, a few minutes after the watchman had gone his rounds. Just before the fire, Charles Wilkey, an employee, who was not on duty at the time, ascended by the elevator to the third story and remained there some time. He had no legitimate business there, and was not employed in that part of the works at any time. His strange action and previous bad reputation made him an immediate object of suspicion, and he was arrested. It required the utmost efforts of the police to prevent the workmen from lynching him. He has been suspected of arson before. He was locked up to await examination.

The Watson Manufacturing Company estimates its entire loss at \$130,000 to \$140,000, including building, stock, and machinery. The total insurance was \$120,000, distributed in a number of companies in sums of about \$5000, of which about \$70,000 is on the property destroyed. The works were run day and night with a force of 450 hands, about half of whom will be temporarily thrown out of employment.

The Watson Company has already made arrangements to rebuild the shops, and the work will be begun next week. The new buildings will only be two stories in height. This is the second time the shops have been destroyed within two years. A large number of contracts were on hand, including the Portage bridge for the Erie Railway Company, a bridge for Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, a bridge for Newburyport, Mass., a contract for \$40,000 worth of iron for the Equitable building in New York, the iron work for the Art Museum of New York, and the new sugar-house in Jersey City. The company does not anticipate any serious delay in completing these contracts, and believes that the Portage bridge will only be delayed two days beyond the contract time.

Iron Manufacture in California.

The San Francisco Commercial Herald says: Immense beds of iron, and generally of the most valuable kinds, exist at many points in California as well as in the adjacent State and Territories. The great obstacles to the production of that metal here have been the high prices of labor and the difficulty of obtaining a good fuel for smelting the ores; charcoal being too dear and none of the fossil coal yet found here answering well for that purpose. It is claimed that the Lincoln coal in Placer county, will serve this end, satisfactory trials having been made of it. If this really be the case, it is an important fact, as heavy beds of iron ore exist in the same neighborhood.

The consumption of iron on this coast is, for the population, enormous, almost the whole of it being imported. As charcoal produces a quality of iron greatly superior to the best of mineral coal, and we have timber in abundance for making it at most points where the ferruginous ores abound, the cost of that fuel will not be likely to delay much longer, efforts being made to commence the manufacture of iron at some of the more favorable localities in the State. Several enterprises of the kind are now talked of, and there is little doubt but some of them will soon take a practical shape, one having in fact already done so. A substantial company, composed mostly of New York capitalists, was formed last fall for the purpose of manufacturing this metal, the works to be located in the city of Sacramento, and run on ores obtained from Shasta county, the citizens of that place having contributed an eligible site for the smelting furnaces. The facility with which fuel can here be obtained, and the iron shipped to market, makes Sacramento a favorable locality for works of this kind.

Our annual importation of iron in its various forms ranges from 250 to 300,000 tons, bought at an average prime cost of more than \$10,000,000; all of which, with the exception of about \$50,000 paid for Oregon-made iron, goes out of the country. Through the growing demands for mining machinery, and the increasing use of this material in the construction of buildings, bridges, &c., the consumption of iron on this coast is being rapidly extended.

On every pound of imported iron we have to pay a tariff in the shape of freights and other charges equivalent to \$15 or \$20 per ton, a sum greatly in excess of what it would cost to make a first-class article of pig iron in this State. If we should do no more than supply the home demand for this description of iron, it would not only serve to retain vast sums of money in the State, but would give rise to new industries in the manufacture of stoves, castings for agricultural implements, hardware, &c., most of which, instead of importing for domestic use, we could supply to our immediate and more distant neighbors.

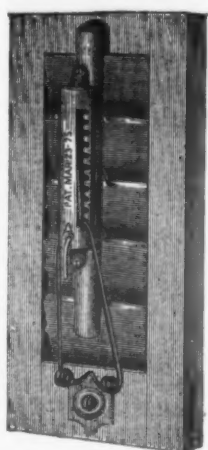
Being so strongly appealed to by considerations of economy, it is only reasonable to suppose that the extraordinary inducements existing here for the manufacture of iron will stimulate to greater diligence those already about to embark in the business, and lead to the early inauguration of many new enterprises of this kind.

In digging for coal at Wyandotte, Kansas, the workmen have struck a vein of gas which, in its escape, produces a roaring noise which may be

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A French journal says that of the score of fire-proof compositions that have been brought forward within as many years past, there is scarcely one that possesses superior or even equal adaptation to the purpose, to the following: Dissolve, in cold water, as much pearl ash as it is capable of holding in solution, and wash or damb with it all the boards, wainscoting, timber, etc.; then, diluting the same liquid with a little water, add to it such a portion of fine yellow clay as will make the mixture of the consistency of common paint, and then stir in a small quantity of paper hanger's flour paste to combine both the other substances. Give three coats of this mixture, and, when dry, apply the following composition: Put into a pot equal quantities of finely pulverized iron filings, brickdust and ashes, pour over them size or glue water, set the whole near a fire, and, when warm, stir them well together. With this liquid composition, or size, give one coat, and on its getting dry, give a second coat. It resists fire for five hours, and prevents the wood from ever bursting into flames; that is, it so resists the ravages of fire as, at most, only to be reduced to coals or embers, without spreading the conflagration by additional flames. It is found that a quantity equal to twenty pounds of finely sifted yellow clay, a pound and a half of flour for making paste, and one pound of pearl ash is sufficient to prepare a square rod of deal boards.

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During the week gold has been firm but quiet. On Thursday the Treasury sold \$500,000 at 117-09 @ 118-15. The following table shows the daily range of the premium:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.....	117 3/4	117 1/4
Friday.....	117 3/4	117 1/4
Saturday.....	117 3/4	117 1/4
Monday.....	117 3/4	117 1/4
Tuesday.....	117 3/4	117 1/4
Wednesday.....	117 3/4	116 3/4

Government bonds were strong, both here and in London. On Saturday last a call was issued by the Treasury for \$5,000,000 of five-twenty, interest to cease September 25. This call was issued at the suggestion of the Syndicate, who had been sold that amount of new five in Europe. Railroad bonds are strong, notably those of the Pacific Railroads. We give below the closing quotations of Government bonds.

The stock market has been strong throughout, and prices have tended steadily upward. The principal dealings have been in Pacific Mail, Lake Shore, Western Union Telegraph, Erie, Northwestern, Union Pacific, and St. Paul. We give below the highest and lowest of to-day's quotations of active shares:

The bank statement shows a loss of \$2,806,300 in specie, and a gain of \$3,591,300 in legal tenders, making a decrease in total reserve of \$615,000. The surplus reserve is \$639,975 to war than last week, the banks now holding \$21,896,500 more lawful money than their liabilities under the law require. The following is a comparison of the averages for the past two weeks:

	June 19.	June 26.	Differences.
Loans.....	\$275,217,500	\$276,707,800	Inc. \$1,490,300
Specie.....	11,633,300	8,847,000	Dec. 2,786,300
Leg. tend.....	68,900,200	71,491,500	Inc. 2,591,300
Deposits.....	234,088,100	235,768,000	Inc. 1,679,900
Circulation.....	19,142,000	19,016,500	Dec. 125,500

The foreign trade movements for the week are given as follows:

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Total for week.....	\$2,472,331	\$4,676,771	\$5,034,266
Prev. reported.....	201,655,775	204,507,010	168,812,667

Since Jan. 1.....\$213,103,606 \$211,153,581 \$175,747,333

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quant.	Value.
Brass goods.....	3	\$50
Bronzes.....	43	2,503
Chains and anchors.....	33	1,295
Copper.....	113	113
Cutlery.....	62	22,904
Gas fixtures.....	1	1,113
Guns.....	40	9,783
Hardware.....	5,810	5,810
Iron, pig, (ton).....	1,127	29,800
Iron, cotton ties.....	826	2,454
Iron, other tons.....	403	21,195
Railroad bars.....	574	8,020
Metal goods.....	304	304
Nails.....	3	304
Needles.....	10	5,858
Old metal.....	3,518	3,518
Platina.....	2	8,015
Per. cap.....	14	2,400
Saddlery.....	6	1,399
Steel.....	914	15,307
Spelter.....	296,733	17,442
Silverware.....	1	1
Tin, boxes.....	61,317	61,317
Tin, 3822 slabs.....	78,553	78,553
Wire.....	764	8,736
Zinc.....	99,376	6,224

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
For the week.....	\$5,034,266	\$7,191,644	\$5,218,633
Prev. reported.....	134,640,923	137,739,033	144,980,617

Since Jan. 1.....\$140,209,601 \$144,980,617 \$150,199,330

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Total for week.....	\$5,034,266	\$7,191,644	\$5,218,633
Previously reported.....	134,640,923	137,739,033	144,980,617

Total since January 1, 1875.....\$50,705,700

Same time in 1874.....\$7,276,413

Same time in 1873.....\$6,971,214

Same time in 1872.....\$3,436,823

Government bonds at the close were quoted as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 5's.....	129 1/2	129 3/4
U. S. 5's 1881, con.....	129 1/2	129 3/4
U. S. 5's 1881, con.....	129 1/2	129 3/4
U. S. 5's 1882, con.....	118	118 1/2
U. S. 5's 1882, con.....	118 1/2	118 3/4
U. S. 5's 1884, con.....	118 1/2	118 3/4
U. S. 5's 1884, con.....	118 1/2	118 3/4
U. S. 5's 1885, con.....	122 1/2	122 3/4
U. S. 5's 1885, con.....	122 1/2	122 3/4
U. S. 5's 1886, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1886, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1887, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1887, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1888, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1888, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1889, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1889, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1890, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1890, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1891, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4
U. S. 5's 1891, con.....	123 1/2	123 3/4

The following were the highest and lowest prices of stocks to-day:

	Bid.	Asked.
N. Y. Cen. & Hudson Consolidated.....	103 1/2	104 1/2
Lake Shore.....	104 1/2	105 1/2
Rock Island.....	104 1/2	105 1/2
New Jersey Central.....	113 1/2	114 1/2
Michigan Central.....	69 1/2	70 1/2
Cleveland & Pittsburgh.....	91 1/2	92 1/2
Illinois Central.....	102 1/2	103 1/2
Wabash.....	5 1/2	5 3/4
Harlem.....	131	131 1/2
Western Union Telegraph.....	79 1/2	80 1/2
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph.....	29 1/2	30 1/2
Northern.....	51 1/2	52 1/2
Union Pacific.....	75 1/2	76 1/2
Missouri Pacific.....	50 1/2	51 1/2
Atlantic & Pacific Preferred.....	15 1/2	16 1/2
Am. Mer. Union Express.....	59	59 1/2

GENERAL HARDWARE.

The demand for hardware of every description is, as is usual in midsummer, confined within the limits of the actual present necessities of the trade, and general dullness prevails. We hear of some changes in lists, which will not be completed for a few days. In Foreign Hardware there are no changes to note. The demand for Nails continues in about the

same condition noticed for several weeks. We continue to quote 100 lb. in lots of 200 kegs and over, \$3-25 net; for smaller lots, \$3-30 @ \$3-40 is the general asking price, according to quantity.

Sargent & Co. have removed from No. 70 Beekman street, where they have been for ten or twelve years, to No. 37 Chambers street, where they occupy a building running through to Reade, which, with the steam elevator and other conveniences introduced, will give them ample facilities for handling the large quantity of goods which pass through their hands.

The Lock makers have adopted new lists and discounts, changing almost all their prices. This action was taken yesterday (Tuesday), and the only list we have been able so far to obtain is that of the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co., which we give below. They quote from this list a discount of 40 per cent., and 2 per cent. for cash. It will be observed that the list on Padlocks has also been changed.

PRICE LIST OF RUSSELL & ERWIN MFG. CO.

No. of lock.	Page of 1874 list.	Per doz.	No. of lock.	Page of 1874 list.	Per doz.
0.....	89	7 00	100.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	7 50	101.....	100	13 50
0 1/4.....	89	8 50	102.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	103.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	104.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	105.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	106.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	107.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	108.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	109.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	110.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	111.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	112.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	113.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	114.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	115.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	116.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	117.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	118.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	119.....	100	13 50
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0 1/2.....	89	9 50	198.....	100	13 50
0 3/4.....	89	9 50	199.....	100	13 50
0 1/2.....	89	9 50	200.....	100	13 50

Ref. for K. b's.

400..... 100 2 00 100 100 100 100

300..... 100 2 75 100 100 100 100

100..... 100 6 50 100 100 100 100

12..... 92 12 50 100 100 100 100

13..... 92 14 50 100 100 100 100

selected for burning should be level, free from stones or other inequalities, reasonably near water, protected from high winds by hills or groves, but not shaded, as a good moon or starlight is a great convenience in burning. September and October are the best months to burn, as the days are not too hot nor the nights too cold.

Having selected the ground, the first thing is to cut and draw the wood, which can be most easily done in winter. Any kind of wood will answer, except that wood which is gummy or pitchy, or that holds fire long, is more difficult for a new hand. Cut and split the wood like cord wood, but the first tier may be five feet long. The blocks and pieces from saw logs will all work in on the top of the pit and make as good coal as any.

The wood should be seasoned as long as from winter to September. When ready to set up, make a box about four inches square as long as the height of the pit. Two opposite sides should be pointed to stick into the ground in the center of the pit; the other two sides should not reach within one foot of the ground, care being taken to have the bottom of the box a trifle the largest (as the pit is fired in the center through this box), so that any coal or brand put in at the top is sure to go down and not lodge. When setting the wood, one or two men should hold the box in position, and for the first tier set the wood around the box, putting a few kindlings and light wood at the bottom.

When once started, put the largest end of the wood up, as the brands will then be smaller and less to return, and the bottom will then be looser and the top tighter, as they should be. Set each stick so if it stood alone it would fall toward the center, gradually drawing out the bottom, so that when done the pit is at an angle of nearly 45 degrees, so that the earth will lie on. When the first tier is well started, commence the second, if the pit is large, in the same way, only put the small end up, and with a little pains it will get the right slant. If the pit is small the second tier may be started nearly flat, putting the large end toward the center, with a few short pieces to start with. The small wood should be reserved for the outside, cutting it short and pecking it close to prevent the covering of earth from rattling in.

When ready to burn, and the moon has just passed its first quarter, cover the pit with green coarse hay or weeds, cut while the dew is on, if convenient; if not, coarse dry litter will answer; then cover with earth six inches, leaving from four to six air holes at the bottom. In covering, commence at the bottom. When ready to fire, start a fire on the ground of hard wood; when burned to coals, drop a shovelful down through the box. When well started, having the wood and earth ready, fill the box with wood, driving it down with a pole, and cover the top with litter and earth. Keep the top tight so that the smoke will pass off at the air holes on the bottom.

If it burns too fast and blazes, which it ought not to after getting a start, give less air; if too slowly, more air. As it burns around the center first and shrinks, it must be fed or filled with wood, or the earth will not lie on. As smoke and steam rise, the fire is soon driven down to the lowest part of the pit, and will be drawn through to the outside, usually burning a narrow channel, and shrinking so that wood must be put on to keep the earth up. The fire will then work round until it has been over the whole pit, leaving brands from one to two feet or less. No process that I know of will induce the fire to burn longer. All that is necessary while burning is to regulate the draft and keep the pit tight by stamping and settling it down as it burns, and throwing on earth when required. While the pit is burning, the steam and smoke keep the covering moist; when burnt, the earth is dry like ashes, and one cannot walk upon it. As the fire in burning, reaches the outside, the fire-brands should be hauled out with a rake or hoe, and the fire smothered, by commencing at the bottom and taking out all bits of unburnt wood or litter, stones and sods raked out of the covering, the earth must be made fine and thrown back on to the pit; the pit smoothed over with a rake, and kept tight by throwing on earth, and raking, if fire or smoke appear.

When the whole pit has been in this condition about forty-eight hours, it is ready for commencing to draw the coal. This is done by shoveling in at the bottom, throwing the covering higher up on the pit; the brands are to be better and thrown farther back, the coal raked from the earth and spread with iron rakes with long teeth. If any fire appears, put it out with water, using some convenient vessel with a small spout. The earth should be thrown back immediately; then rake the pit with a long tooth rake, bringing the pit to a slant of forty-five degrees, or as steep as the earth will lie on; when this spot is finished, move on, and so go round the pit. It is very important to keep the pit covered as much as possible in order to smother the fire. The brands are to be reburnt, setting them with the burnt end down. The coal should lie on the ground over night, and be closely watched, as it takes fire easily and burns rapidly. It takes from two to two and a half cords of wood to make one hundred bushels. To burn a pit of ten to twelve hundred bushels requires eight to ten or twelve days, according to a variety of circumstances.

Roman Aqueducts and Baths.

In a lecture lately delivered by Rev. H. G. Spaulding, in Boston, we find the following: Rome was the city of fountains, formerly containing no less than 13,000, and has to-day nearly 700. The Roman aqueducts marked the transition in Rome from a mere village to a stately capital. The first one was built in 312 B. C., and called the Appian. It was almost subterranean, and extended nearly five miles

outside the city. In 993 B. C. the Anio was constructed, and reached from springs in the Sabine Mountains to the city, a distance of 42 miles.

Most of the aqueducts entered the city near the Porta San Maria Maggiore. The Anio Novus and Claudian aqueducts were finished in 52 A. D., by Emperor Claudius, the length of the former being 62 miles. These two aqueducts united their channels in the Campagna, and to-day their picturesque ruins are seen extending for a distance of more than six miles over the desolate fields outside the Aurelian walls. When all the aqueducts were in operation in Rome (in the imperial epoch) the supply of water for the city must have been 50,000,000 cubic feet in 24 hours, more than ten times the actual supply of London for the same time. Thus can be seen how important was the water supply of Rome. The Romans of the republic had numerous swimming places owned by individuals, who charged an admission fee, as well as many private baths, before the great thermae, or public baths for the whole body of citizens, were erected. The first thermae were built by Agrippa, and others by Titus and Trajan, but the great thermae were those of Caracalla and Diocletian. Those of Caracalla covered an area of 150,000 square yards, a space equal to Boston Common, and combined in one vast establishment such institutions as would answer to our libraries, reading rooms, lecture halls, base ball grounds, race courses and gymnasia. There were seats for 1600 in the baths of Caracalla, and twice as many in those of Diocletian. The ruins of the former were more extensive and more impressive than any other ruins not excepting the Colosseum—in imperial Rome. Of the great thermae of Diocletian, some of the spacious halls with vaulted ceilings were preserved in the churches of San Maria degli Angeli, designed by Michael Angelo, and San Bernado, which were built in those baths. In these half christianized edifices one is reminded of a remark of Taine that "Much of what is called christianity in Rome is only a thin veneering of christianity laid over the old paganism." The nymphs were grottoes of pleasure houses attached to the residences of wealthy Romans. The so-called "Grotto of Egeria," on which Byron wrote three of his elaborate verses, supposing it to be the veritable haunt of the Egeria of King Numa's time, is now ascertained to be merely a nymphæum belonging to a suburban villa.

Recent excavations have uncovered a station of the Roman Fire Bridge, a very interesting relic of old Rome. The Roman firemen were organized under Augustus, with a force of 12 cohorts of watchmen, each of 700 men. Their stations must have been palaces, judging from the building which has been exhumed, in which the rooms were gracefully ornamented, and the courts richly paved.

In presenting views of the excavations now progressing so slowly in the baths of Caracalla, the lecturer suggested that the citizens of Boston or of Massachusetts, who valued so highly even a fragment of statuary from old Rome, should make an offer to the Italian government to excavate these ruins, receiving as compensation the spoils that were no doubt buried under the debris, and thus by infusing a little Yankee energy into the excavation, confer a benefit upon the world as well as ourselves.

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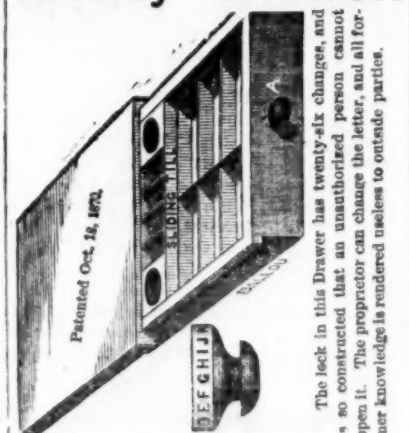
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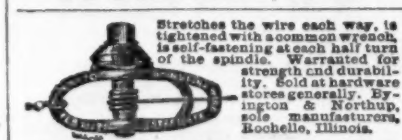
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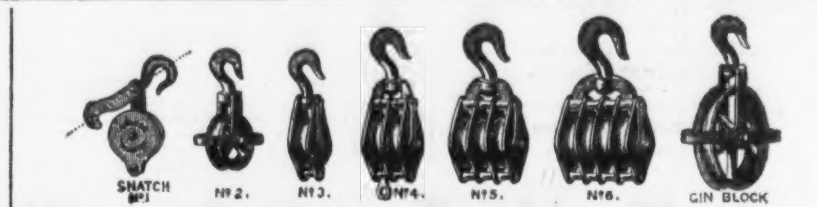
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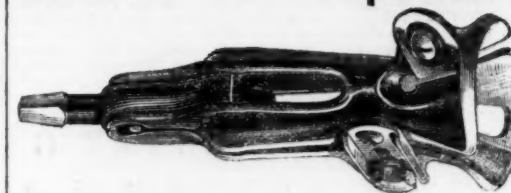
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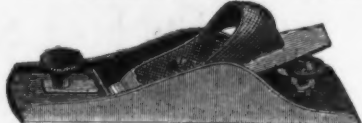
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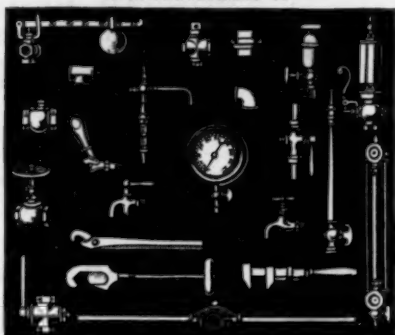
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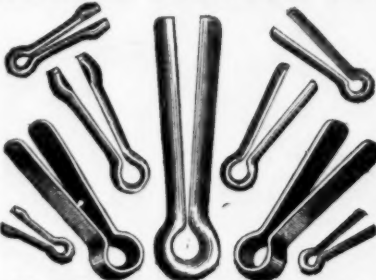
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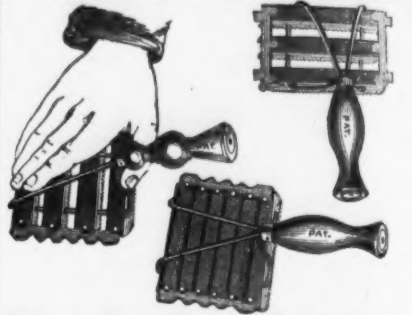
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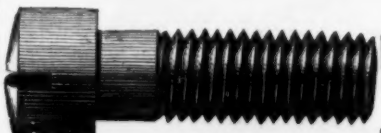
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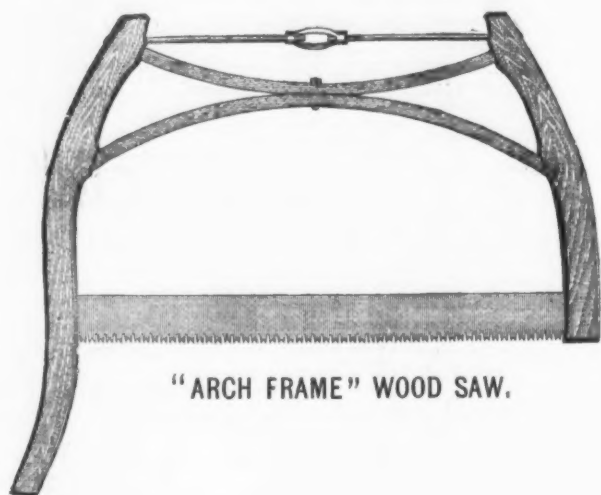
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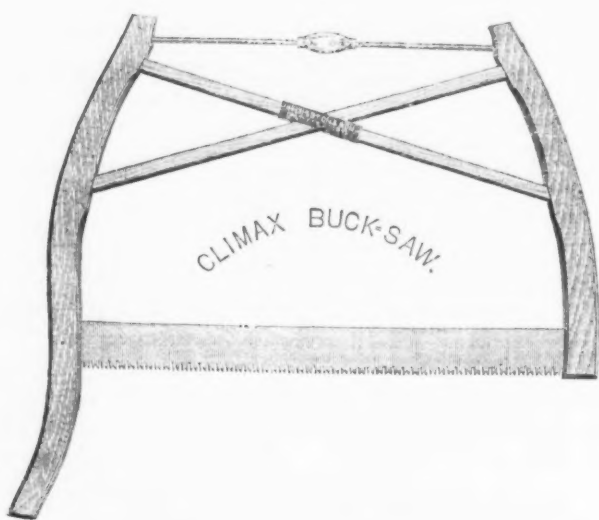
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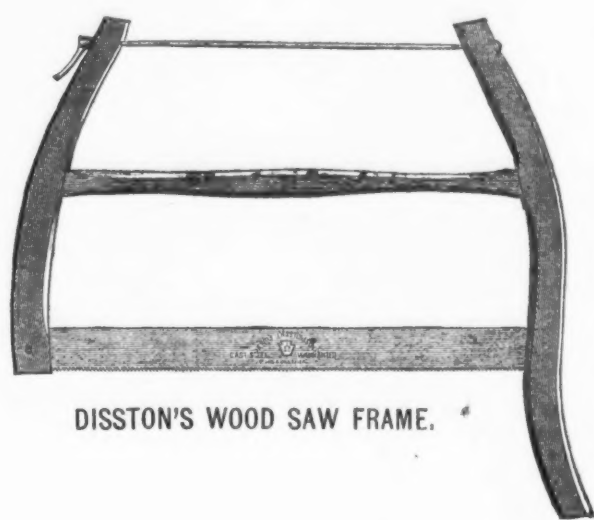
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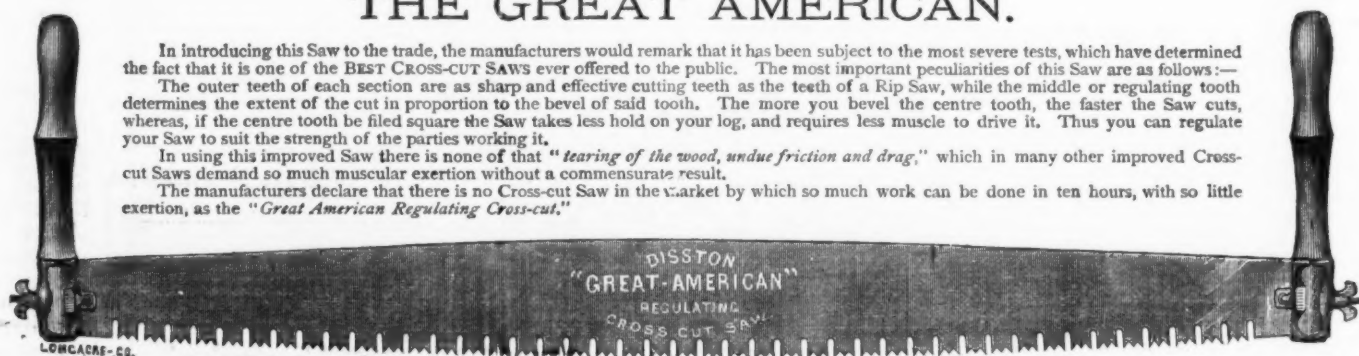
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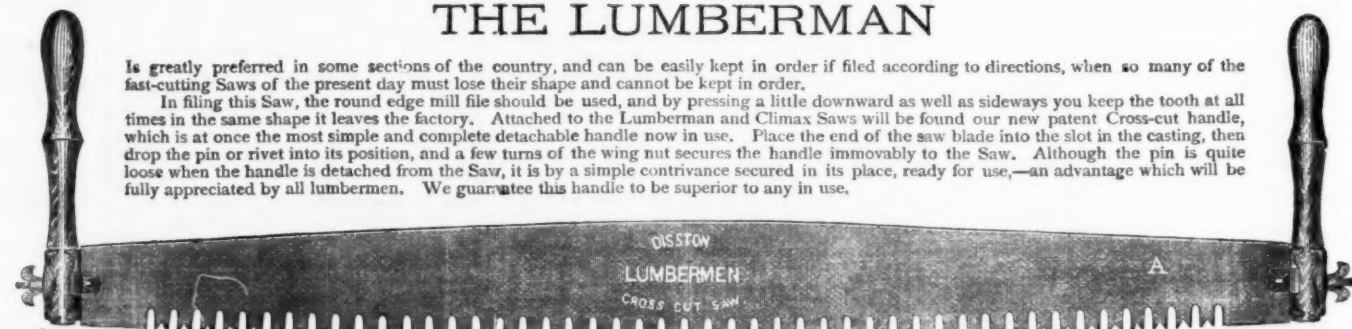
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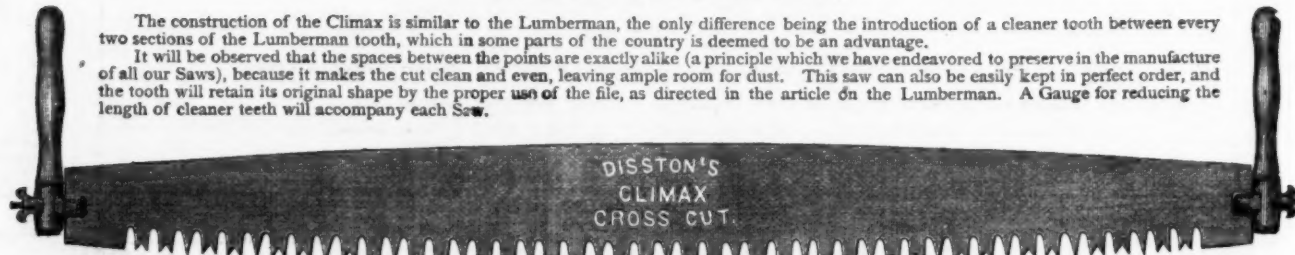
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Is greatly preferred in some sections of the country, and can be easily kept in order if filed according to directions, when so many of the fast-cutting Saws of the present day must lose their shape and cannot be kept in order.
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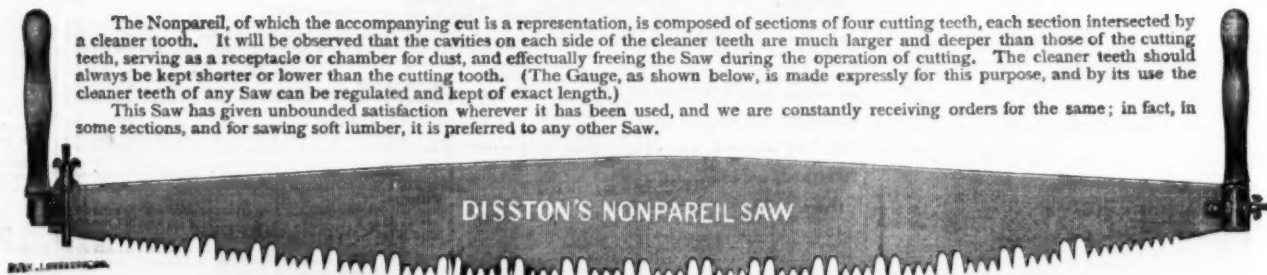
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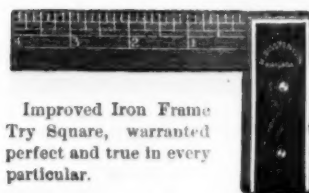
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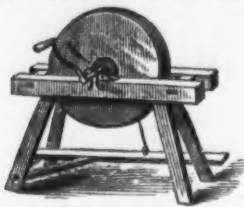
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Try Squares and Levels	per gross, \$1.50
Diagon's Try Square No. 1	per gross, \$1.50
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Trunk and Clout	per gross, \$1.50
Copper	per gross, \$1.50
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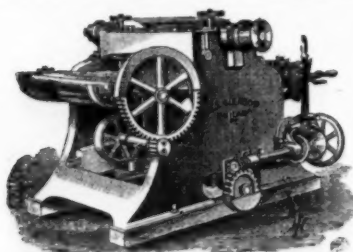
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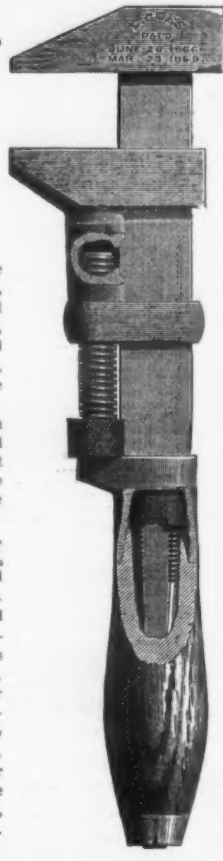
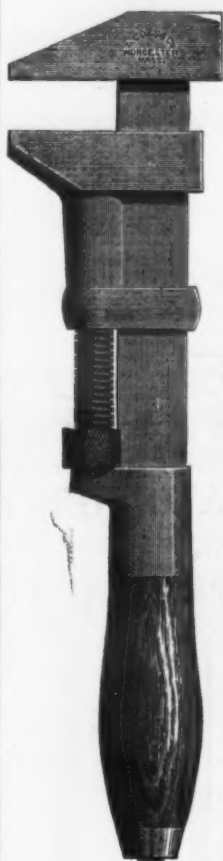
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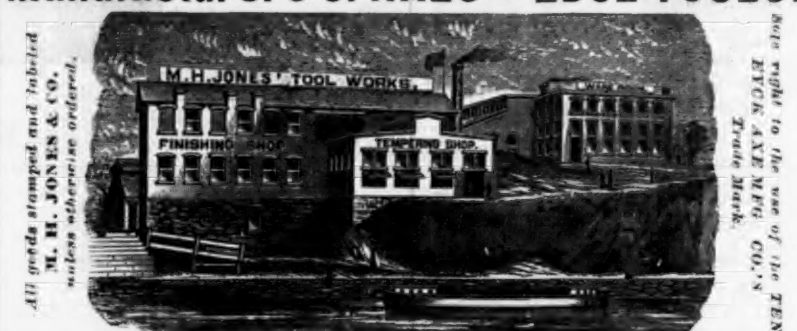
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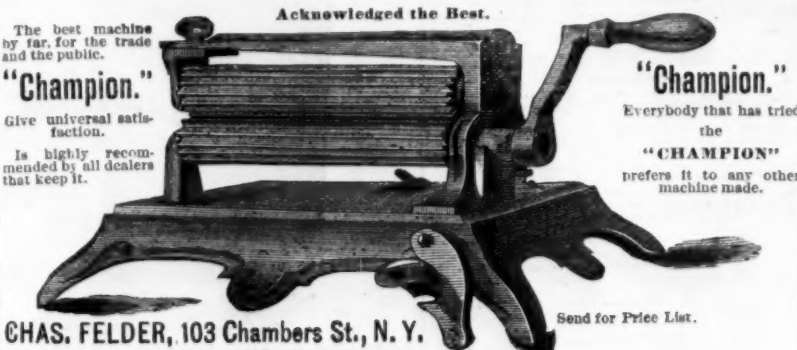
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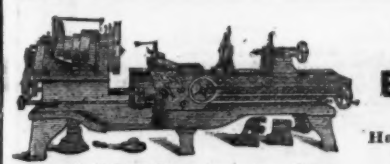
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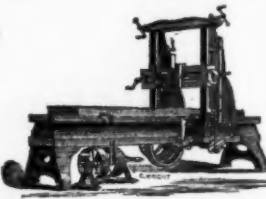
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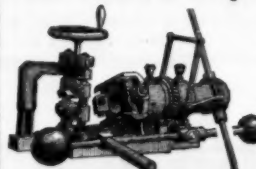
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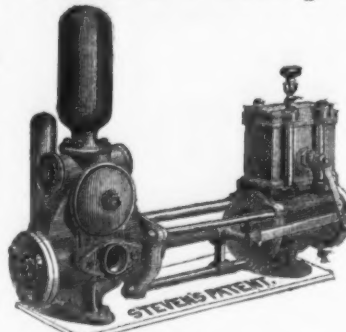
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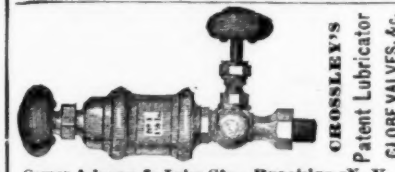
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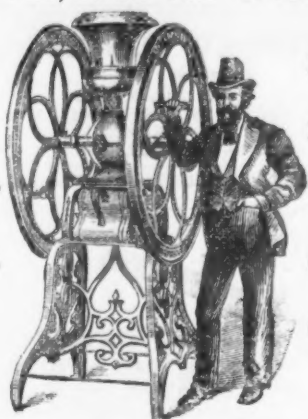
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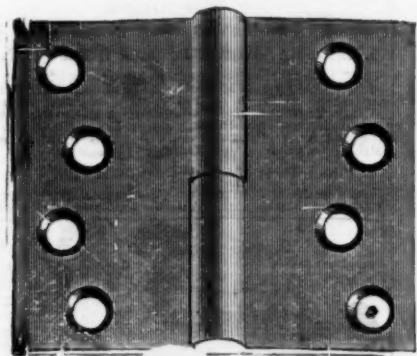
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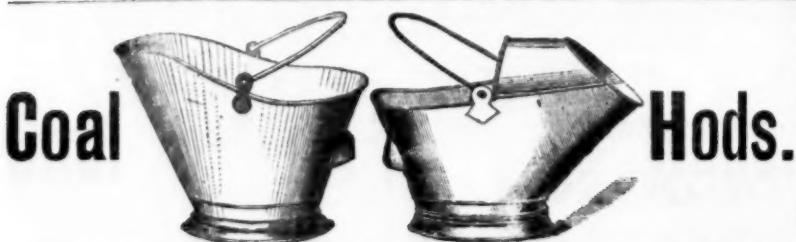
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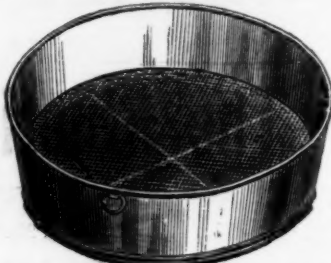
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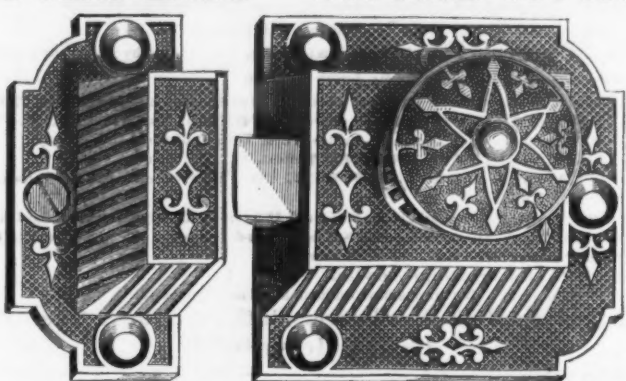
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Braces—Hitt, Spofford.....	dis	75
Brads, Cut.....	do	75
Butte—Brace, Brooks Patent.....	do	75
Wrought Narrow.....	do	75
Belting—Rubber.....	do	75
Bath—Bath (box of 2 doz) Best English.....	dis	30
Butterforn.....	do	30
Cases—Parlor Coal Hod.....	dis	10
Chalk—White, Carpenter's.....	do	10
Blue.....	do	10
Chisel—Finner Socket.....	dis	60
Crown Socket.....	do	60
Corner Sinker Chisel.....	dis	100
Slick's Carpenter's.....	dis	100
Egg Beaters—"Peeries".....	do	7
Centrifugal.....	do	7
Elbow.....	per doz	50
Charcoal.....	\$ 30 50 75 100 120 140 160	7
Russia.....	do	7
Fluters—Gessva Hand.....	do	7
Freezers Ice Cream—Champion.....	do	7
Hinges—Burr's.....	do	7
Hinges—Gate—Shepard's.....	do	7
Hinges—Window Iron.....	do	7
Hinges—Standard.....	do	7
Wrought Strand and T.....	dis	60
Hods, Coal—Plain and Galvanized.....	dis	33 1/2
Iron, Black and Galvanized.....	do	33 1/2
Fancy and Helmet.....	do	33 1/2
Copper from.....	do	33 1/2
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Kopper "Horn" made.....	do	33 1/2
Enamelled.....	do	33 1/2
Knives—wing—No. 1.....	do	60
Blade.....	do	60
Lantern "Peeries".....	do	60
Tapers.....	\$ 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 200	60
" with Guards.....	do	60
Machines—Abrie Patent "Turn Table".....	do	75
Machines—Burr's.....	do	75
Mills, Coffee—Box and Siltie, common.....	do	75
Box Union and Eagle.....	do	75
Molasses Gates—"Self Measuring".....	do	75
Nails—Clout and Finishing.....	do	75
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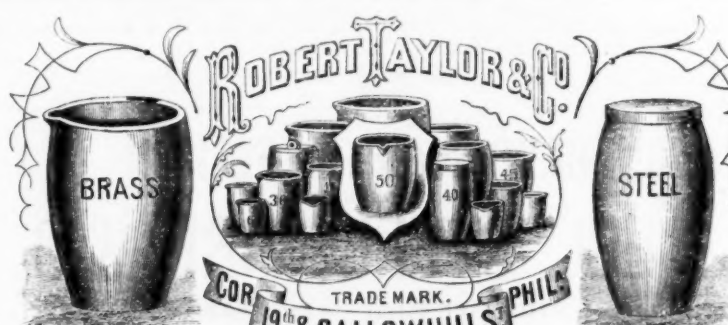
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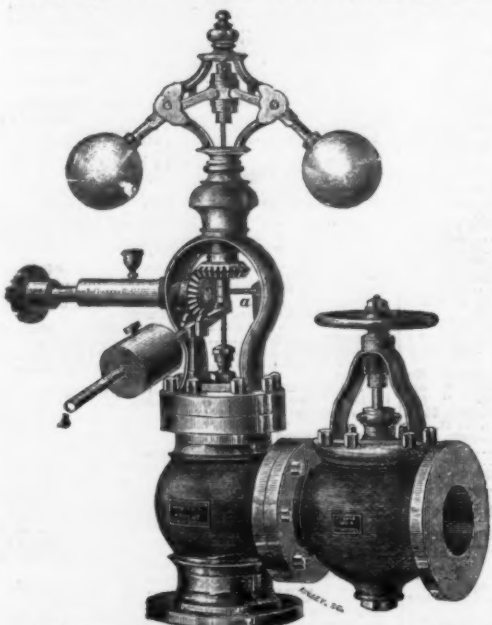
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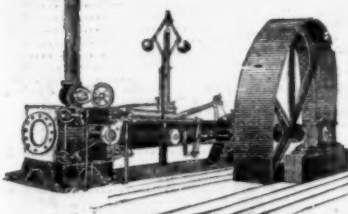
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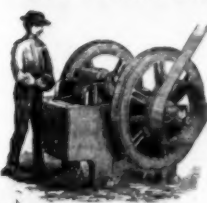
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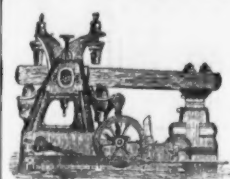
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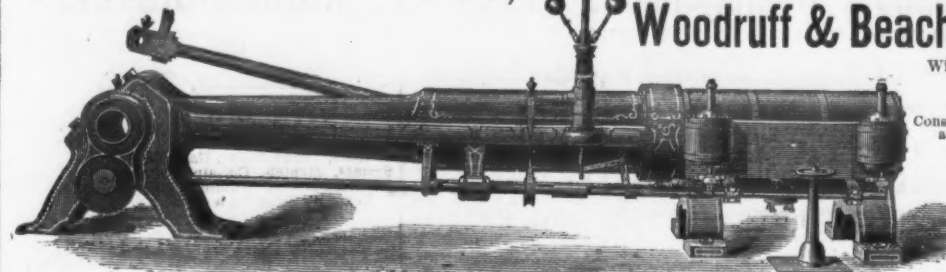
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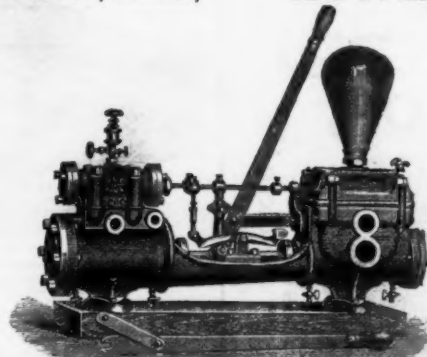
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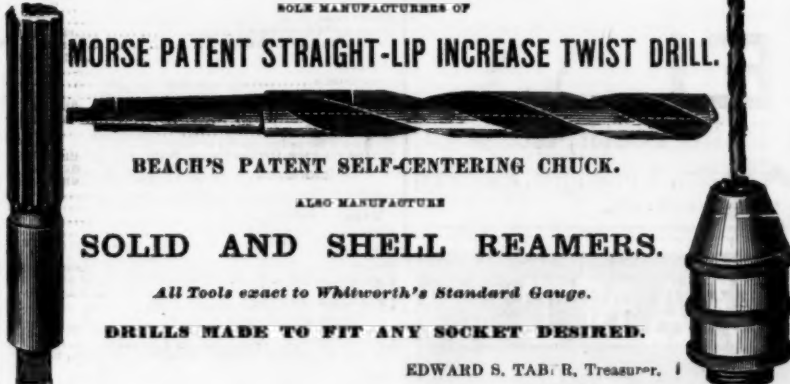
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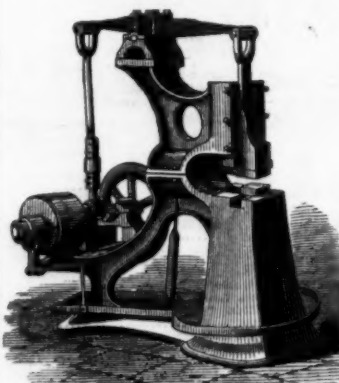
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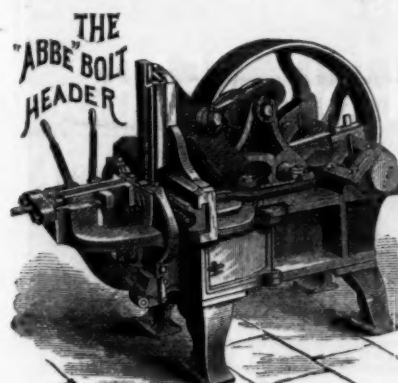
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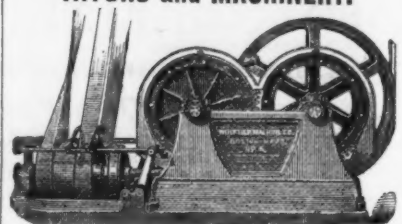
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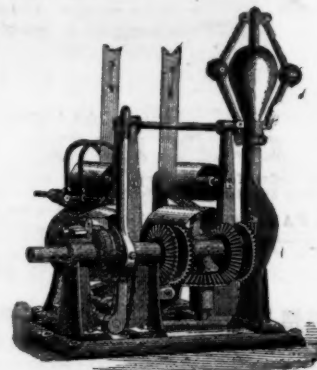
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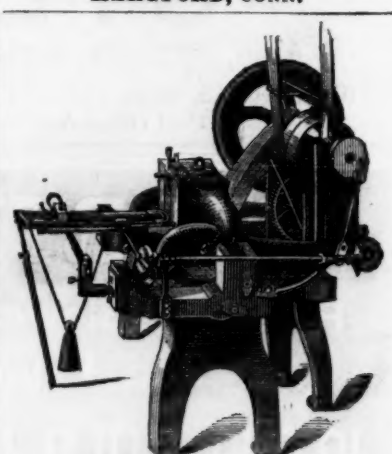
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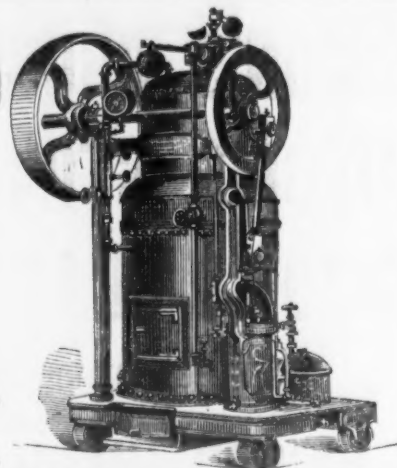
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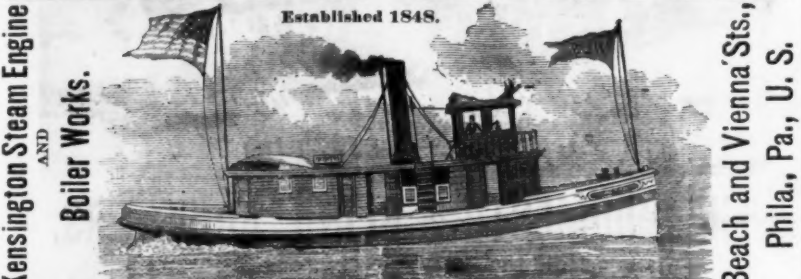
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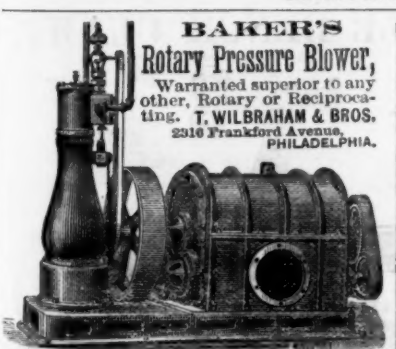
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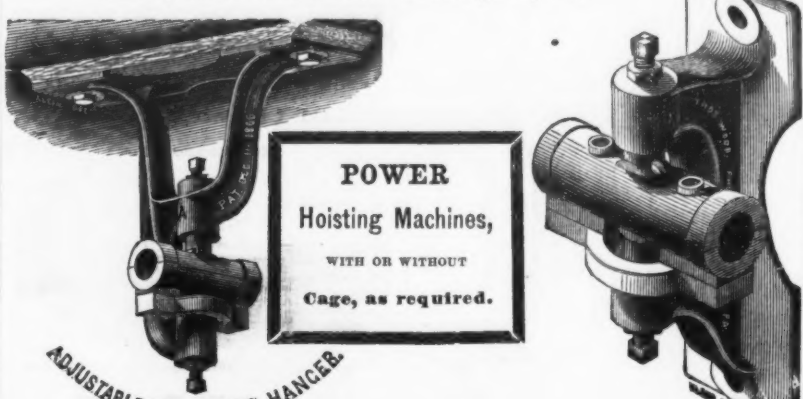
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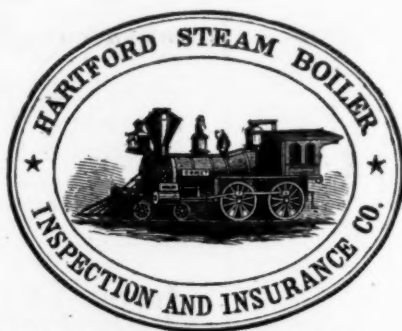
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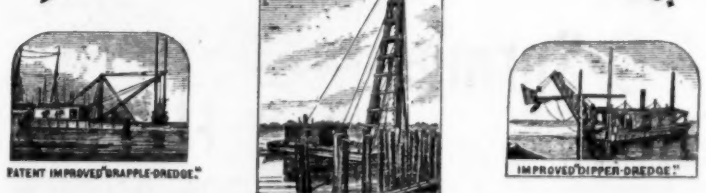
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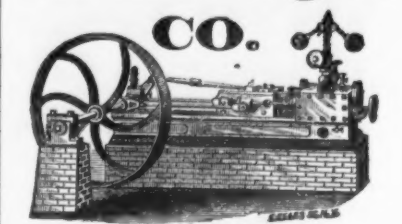


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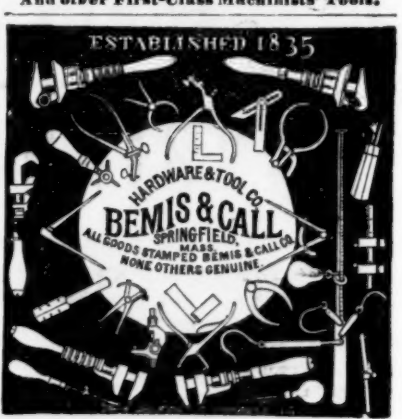
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